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An act of American terrorism, says Khaddafi

US jets shoot down Libyan MIGs over Mediterranean

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (Agencies): US Navy planes shot down two Libyan MIG-23 fighters today over the Mediterranean Sea, the Defence Department and White House said.

A White House official said the American aircraft were "threatened while conducting routine operations in international airspace."

The air battle was the first military encounter between the United States and Libya since American jets bombed Tripoli, the Libyan capital, in 1986. It came amid rising tensions between the two countries over Libya's construction of a plant the United States says is intended to produce chemical weapons.

Threatened

Deputy White House Press Secretary Roman Popadiuk, in California with vacationing President Reagan, said two F-14 Tomcat aircraft from the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy "were threatened while conducting routine operations in international airspace north of Tripoli, Libya's Libyan port."

The incident occurred 40 miles (60 kms) north of Libyan coast. He said that after the shooting, the F-14s returned safely to the ship and two parachutes from the downed Libyan aircraft, reported as Soviet-built MIG-23s, were sighted.

"There were no reported US injuries," he said.

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ched the US aircraft in a hostile manner over international waters, and the US aircraft, acting in self-defence, fired four air-to-air missiles, downing both of the Libyan aircraft," Popadiuk said.

The two US F-14s were "acting in self-defence," Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci also said.

Repeatedly emphasising that he was offering information based on "preliminary reports," Carlucci also insisted the Navy action had nothing to do with the presence of what the United States says is a chemical weapons plant in Libya.

Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi branded the US action as an act of increased "American terrorism" and vowed to "meet challenge with challenge," the official Libyan news agency reported.

Khaddafi's reaction, in a JANA agency news dispatch monitored in London, came about six hours after the jets were shot down.

In spite of the increase in official American terrorism, which is backed by brute force, and in spite of the threats, the revolutionaries of great Libya will not bow their heads and will not abandon their principles and the objectives of their eternal motherland of unity, liberation and the building of progress," Khaddafi declared, according to JANA.

Challenge

"They will meet challenge with challenge," JANA quoted him as saying.

Libya today called for an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

The request was contained in a letter handed to council president Razali Ismail of Malaysia by Libyan deputy UN

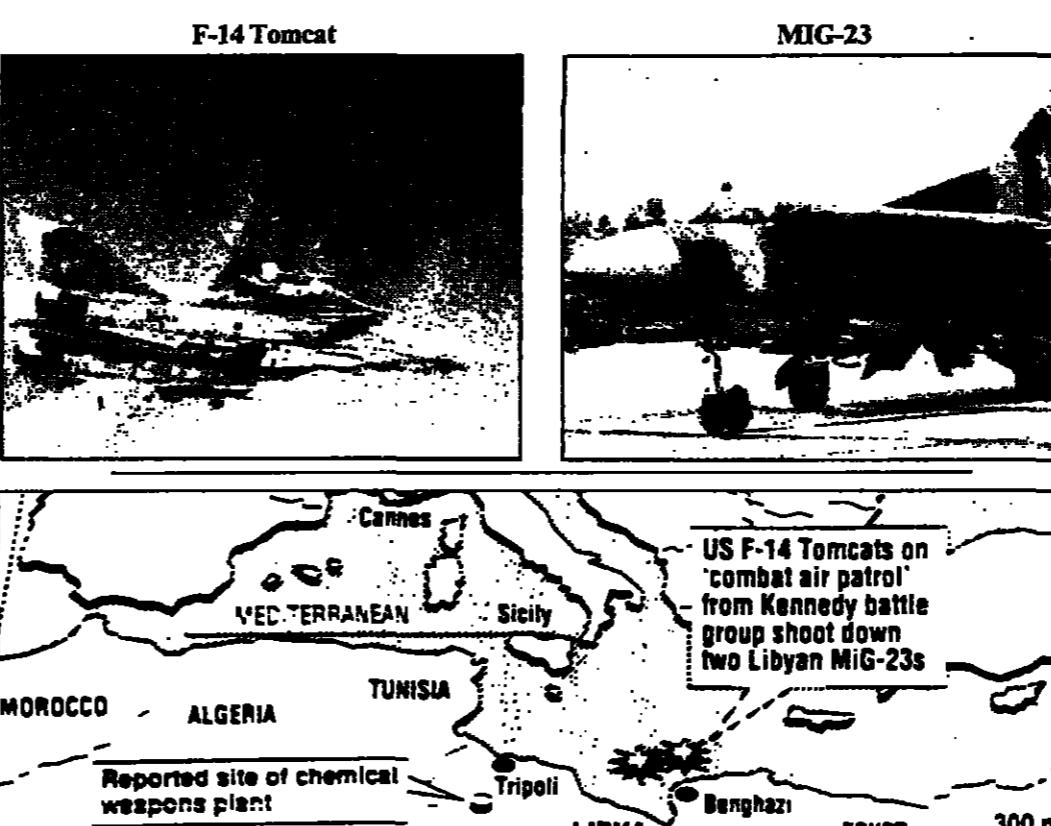
Spotted

The two MIG-23s were spotted by radar taking off from the Al Bumbar airfield in eastern Libya, climbing to 9,000 feet (3,000 metres) then accelerating and closing in on the F-14s, which were at 15,000 feet (5,000 metres), the sources said.

"The F-14s manoeuvred to determine the intent of the Libyan aircraft, but every time they turned, the Libyans followed," one source said. "The F-14 pilots made the decision to shoot after the Libyan aircraft turned on their targeting radar. The decision you have to make in the cockpit."

The source said there were no indications that the Libyans fired before they were hit by Sidewinder and Sparrow air-to-air missiles.

"The Libyan planes ignored



A graphic showing the area in the Mediterranean Sea where US F-14 fighters shot down two Libyan MIG-23s. (Reuters pictures)

warnings. We don't believe they fired," one Pentagon official said.

In Rome, Libya's Ambassador to Italy, Abdel Rahman Shalgam, called the incident "a unilateral act" and a "dangerous" action. He declined to say how Libya would respond.

US President Reagan was awakened and informed of the aerial confrontation about an hour after it occurred, Popadiuk said.

That contrasted with an August 1981 incident in which

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Howe asks Israel not to miss chance for peace



RIYADH, Jan 4, (Reuters): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe today stepped up pressure on Israel to respond positively to Palestinian peace overtures rejected by the Jewish state.

In the keynote speech of a nine-day Gulf tour, Howe told an audience of Saudi and British businessmen: "The people of Israel should take care not to miss the opportunity which now presents itself."

At the start of his trip in Kuwait on Monday Howe urged Israel to respond positively to declarations recognising Israel's existence and renouncing terrorism by PLO leader Yasser Arafat last month.

Howe said: "The Palestinians have recognised that negotiations, not violence, offer the only road forward."

Calling this significant progress he added: "The Israelis must be ready to explore Palestinian intentions rather than denounce them. They must demonstrate their good faith."

"Now is the time for them to acknowledge that a significant and positive move has been made which requires a constructive response."

He also urged the PLO to maintain its new stance.

Kuwait today welcomed Britain's decision to send a senior official to Tunis for talks with Palestinian leaders.

Arafat and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt today conferred in Cairo on prospects of peace in the Middle East, officials said.

The UAE said today it had decided to recognise the PLO office in Abu Dhabi as an embassy.

Howe also urged stronger

action in dealing with terrorism following the blowing up of a Pan Am Boeing 747 airliner over Scotland two weeks ago which killed 270 people.

He said the foremost lesson to be learnt from the bomb blast over the town of Lockerbie was joint international action against terrorism.

Reduce

He said action should include:

- Agreement on further security precautions.
- Regulations to ensure that baggage is matched up with passengers.
- Modifications to aircraft to reduce their vulnerability to bombs.
- Improved ability to detect bombs once they were planted.

Khomeini's envoy meets Gorbachev

MOSCOW, Jan 4, (UPI): A personal envoy of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini left Moscow today after meeting with President Mikhail Gorbachev in the Kremlin and delivering a private message from Khomeini, the Tass news agency said.

Ayatollah Abdulla Javadi Amoli, a personal representative of Khomeini, arrived in Moscow yesterday with a delegation that included Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larijani and Majlis (parliament) Deputy Mrs Marziyeh Hadidchian.

Jethmalani had asked the court to order a judicial examination of a Sikh separatist militant in police custody who is reported to have confessed to plotting the assassination.

In a brief two sentence dispatch Tass said Politburo mem-

Saudi diplomat shot dead in Bangkok

BANGKOK, Jan 4, (UPI): An "Arab-looking" gunman fired three bullets into a Saudi Arabian diplomat on a downtown Bangkok street today killing him instantly, police said.

"A witness said a single gunman about 30 years old followed the victim and shot him at close range," said Deputy Police Commissioner Maj. Gen. Taweesak Sukolchaya.

Taweesak said the gunman fired eight shots at Saleh Abdulla Malik, 35, a Third Secretary of the Saudi Arabian embassy in Bangkok. Three of the bullets struck Malik in the head, he said.

Malik was killed in one of downtown Bangkok's busiest streets, about 300 feet from the Saudi embassy.

"I heard the gunshots, but at first I thought they were fireworks," a witness said.

"When I turned around to look I saw an Arab-looking man run away," said the witness who was standing about 30 feet from where Malik was slain. The witness asked not to be identified.

Police declined to reveal the results of their initial investigation but said they had ruled out robbery as a motive for the killing.

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Vorontsov (right) talks to reporters on arrival in Islamabad. Seated with him (left) is Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Huimayun Khan. (Reuter wirephoto)

Sudanese riot over food shortage

KHARTOUM, Jan 4, (Reuter): Rioters set fire to shops and clashed with police in two Sudanese towns to protest at bread and sugar shortages following a nationwide strike last week, local newspapers reported today.

They said students in El Obeid, capital of the western region of Kordofan, attacked the offices of the regional governor on Tuesday when he refused to see them.

The protesters clashed with police and rampaged through the town's market burning two pharmacies, a bookshop and other stores, the papers said.

They said merchants declared a four-day strike to protest at the attacks and one paper said troops arrived to restore order.

Rioters in the central region town of Sennar southeast of Khartoum set fire to town council offices and shops and also clashed with police, the papers said.

Last week thousands of people took to the streets in Khartoum and other towns to protest at price rises in sugar and other consumer goods.

16 die as Philippine ferry capsizes

MANILA, Jan 4, (AP): A motor launch carrying more than 140 people sank in the central Philippines, killing at least 16 people. The Coast Guard said today. Another 12 people were reported missing.

Lt. Edmund Lustre, Coast Guard operations chief in Iloilo, said the cargo vessel Jem II sank Tuesday off Romblon Island, about 240 kilometres southeast of Manila.

He said a Coast Guard rescue team sent to Romblon reported 114 people had been rescued and that the bodies of 16 people had been recovered.

Lustre said earlier that the boat carried more than 170 people and the 45 were missing. He said in a telephone interview that the figures were readjusted after rescuers found out "people were being counted over and over."

Lustre said most of the passengers were believed to have been high school students en route from Romblon to Panay after the Christmas holidays.

At least five vessels have sunk in the Visayas Island chain since last October. The ferry Dona Marilyn, carrying more than 500 passengers, sank in the Samar Sea on Oct 24. More than 100 people were rescued in that accident.

In Dec 20, 1987, the passenger ferry Dona Paz collided with an oil tanker off Mindoro Island, killing more than 3,000 people, in the world's worst peacetime sea disaster. Only 26 people survived.

Overcrowded

The official Philippine news agency said the vessel was overcrowded and that most of the passengers were students returning to schools in Kalibo.

Schools opened in the Philippines Tuesday after a two-week holiday.

Radio news reports from Tablas said the passengers panicked when huge waves whipped Jem II. Passengers rushed to one side of the vessel, causing it to capsize, the reports said.

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deadline set by the Geneva accord signed last April.

Vorontsov dismissed as "a big mistake" and wishful thinking rebel forecasts that the Kabul government would collapse after the Soviet withdrawal, but said Moscow was prepared to recognise a new broad-based government.

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Vorontsov had talks in Saudi Arabia last month with the seven-party mujahideen alliance fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government. The alliance said on Tuesday it would meet him. He also met Iranian President Ali Khamenei in Tehran yesterday.

Vorontsov linked withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan to a unilateral ceasefire declared by President Najibullah last week but rejected by the rebels.

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"That depends on the situation in Afghanistan.

"I do mean that if the ceasefire holds and if there is no fighting in Afghanistan, that's a very good situation for Soviet forces to leave."

Government

Meanwhile, UPI adds that Afghan rebel leaders, looking ahead to the departure of Soviet troops, are mulling plans for a provisional government to replace the communist regime in Kabul and will "hold an election when peace returns," the head of the guerrilla alliance says.

Professor Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, who on Sunday met the chairman of the seven-party rebel alliance, said up to 600 military, religious and academic leaders will meet in Peshawar within three weeks to discuss formation of a council to govern Afghanistan after the Soviet-backed regime collapses.

He said the proposed council, known as Shoora, would replace the rebel government-in-exile established in Pakistan last year and would rule the country until the war ends and elections can be

scheduled.

"We will hold elections when peace returns and we are fully in command in Afghanistan," he said.

Mojaddidi said the Afghan government of President Najibullah "is collapsing and will completely fall within three to four months after the Soviet pullout."

Pullout

Mojaddidi said the alliance would ask the Soviets for a complete and unconditional withdrawal of its troops from the country, the removal of the Moscow-backed government in Kabul and guarantees the Afghan people would be allowed to determine their own future.

He said leaders of smaller Iranian-based Afghan resistance groups have also been invited to the talks.

Moscow hopes to reach an agreement on a coalition government in Kabul that would not be hostile to Moscow before the scheduled Feb 15 completion of its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

US jets shoot down Libyan MiGs over ...

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White House aides were criticised for not awakening him after a similar encounter between US and Libyan jets.

On March 24, 1986, US aircraft attacked Libyan ships and a rocket base in the area of Libya's Gulf of Sidra, which the United States considers international waters and Libya considers its own territory.

Less than a month later, on April 15, 1986, the United States bombed Tripoli in retaliation for what it said was Libya's involvement in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque frequented by US troops.

Today's incident came amid rising tensions over the chemical plant at Rabta, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) southwest of Tripoli.

US officials yesterday said for the first time they had evidence the plant had started producing limited quantities of chemical weapons and had conducted trial runs of its production equipment.

Libya said the plant will make pharmaceuticals and offered to let international experts inspect the plant. The United States called the offer inadequate.

The United States has refused to rule out an attack on the plant, although US officials insisted that the air clash was not connected with the row over the controversial plant.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Smallest plane

MOSCOW, Jan 4, (Reuter): A Soviet designer says he has developed the world's smallest piloted aircraft. Tass agency reported today.

The plane, designed by Viktor Dmitriev, weighs just 47 kilograms (103 pounds), Tass said. It is one metre (3.3 feet) high and three metres (about ten feet) long. Its maximum speed is 130 km (80 miles) per hour.

The tiny plane needs just three litres (five pints) of fuel an hour and can take off and land on just 30 metres (about 100 feet) of asphalt, gravel, ground or grass, Tass said.

Memorial service

LOCKERBIE, Jan 4, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher flew to Scotland to attend a memorial service today for victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 air disaster in the small town that bore the brunt of the crash.

Tight security measures were imposed in devastated Lockerbie as Thatcher's London office confirmed the prime minister and her husband Denis were flying there to join British and American mourners at the service.

Still alive

NEW DELHI, Jan 4, (Reuter): It was no great shock to her family when Kalbenen Balabhai died on Monday at the age of 100.

But the old lady had a surprise in store for them when they took her to the cremation ground and laid her on the funeral pyre, the Press Trust of India reported today.

As the relatives in Malanka village near Raikot in the western state of Gujarat, prepared to light the pyre in accordance with Hindu custom, the "dead" woman sat up and demanded to be taken home.

Sophisticated jet fighters

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (Reuter): The US F-14 and Libyan MIG-23 jets involved in today's shooting incident over the Mediterranean are sophisticated fighters armed with air-to-air missiles and capable of flying over 1,400 miles an hour.

The two US Navy jets, each manned by a pilot and a radar-intercept officer, shot down the two Soviet-built Libyan planes with air-to-air missiles after the Libyan planes threatened the American aircraft, the United States said.

The F-14, built by Grumman Corp, and the Soviet jets were both deployed in the early 1970s.

Both are swing-wing planes which fold back their wings at a sharp angle in high-speed flight. The F-14 is a twin-engine carrier-based fighter, while the MIG-23 is based on land and carries only one crewman, the pilot.

The MIG-23 is armed with a 23mm rapid-fire cannon and can carry up to six air-to-air missiles. The F-14 has a 20mm rapid-fire cannon and can carry up to eight missiles, including a mix of Phoenix, Sparrows and Sidewinders.

While both planes were introduced at approximately the same time, the F-14 is still the US Navy's front-line jet fighter.

The Soviet Union has since built more advanced MIG models including the MIG-25, which has also been bought by Libya.

5 surviving sextuplets are stable

TOKYO, Jan 4, (AP): A mother and her five surviving sextuplets, born prematurely at almost one-fifth the weight of an average newborn, were in stable condition at two separate hospitals, a doctor attending the woman said today.

The 25-year-old Japanese woman, who took fertility drugs, gave birth to the six babies, one of them stillborn, between last Saturday and Monday, said Dr Hiroshi Sudo, the family's pediatrician.

"The five babies are under treatment with an artificial respirator because they cannot breathe on their own, but otherwise they remain unchanged," said Dr Sudo, one of 10 doctors attending the babies at Kumamoto Municipal Hospital.

The babies were born 16 weeks prematurely and were about 2.3 kilograms lighter than normal babies, hospital officials said earlier.

"The mother was given a blood transfusion soon after giving birth because of fatigue, but now she remains stable," said another doctor at the nearby Kumamoto University Hospital.

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Wright calls for Congress-Bush co-operation

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (Reuter): US House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright, re-elected on Tuesday to a second two-year term, called for co-operation between Congress and the incoming Bush administration.

The Texas Democrat told the House on the first day of the 101st Congress: "By working together, we can help our new President fulfil his promise of a kinder, gentler America."

It is intended as a review of the 1975 Helsinki Agreement, which was signed by the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada and 32 European countries. Reviews are due to be held in Paris this year and in Copenhagen in 1990.

In order to gain what Moscow took to be Western acceptance of the post-World War II borders of Eastern Europe, the Soviets in 1975 agreed to accelerate the

exchange of democratic ideas across the East-West divide.

Ever since, the United States and its allies have used the Helsinki Accord to pressure Moscow to improve human rights conditions.

Apparently, the Reagan administration had found enough progress in the Soviet record to close the conference in Vienna and move on.

"It's not a perfect scorecard, but they've done a lot," said a US official. "They've come amazingly far."

Shultz is due to see Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze in Paris on Sunday. They will be attending a conference on the spread of chemical weapons.

The State Department last Friday credited the Soviets with "significant progress" in its treatment of political prisoners and Jews seeking to emigrate.

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INTERNATIONAL

Turkish deputy prime minister resigns

ANKARA, Jan 4. (Reuter): Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Kaya Erdem resigned today, the latest victim of multi-million dollar banking scandal, Anatolian news agency reported.

Erdem, a long-time aide to Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, told the agency reasons for his resignation included "developments after one of our newspaper published a story."

Erdem, 60, filed a law-suit against the mass-circulation Hurriyet newspaper in December after it linked him to an \$80 million banking fraud.

Accepted

Ozal told the agency that he had accepted Erdem's resignation with regret.

Hurriyet said on Dec 12 a "senior government minister" had links with Turkish businessman Kemal Horzum, now on trial on charges of swindling \$80 million from the state-owned Turkiye Emali Bankasi.

The newspaper printed a blacked-out profile of Erdem alongside its report, which made allegations about a Swiss bank account held by Erdem.

Horzum was detained in Switzerland last July and returned to Turkey to face trial.

Disparity

"Developments after one of our newspaper published a story and announcements made by officials including our prime minister have shown clearly that there is a serious disparity between our prime minister and me," Erdem said.

Erdem co-operated closely with Ozal during the 1980-83 military takeover, when Erdem was Finance Minister and Ozal was Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy.

Erdem was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in 1983 and has held that post since then. No new post has been announced for him.

The director-general of the Turkiye Emali Bankasi, Bulent Seminer, resigned last month after a row with the government over his attempts to recover the money owed to his bank.

Seminer remained an adviser to Ozal.

National Security Ministry scrapped

Premadasa forms interim cabinet

COLOMBO, Jan 4. (Reuter): Sri Lanka President Ranasinghe Premadasa formed a 20-strong interim cabinet today, urging ministers to ensure that essential services disrupted by recent rebel violence worked at peak efficiency.

Nine members of the old government were dropped. Seven were asked to resign because their constituencies did not return a majority for the ruling party in last month's presidential election and two more resigned on health grounds.

Finance and Planning Minister Naima Marikar was one of the two who resigned on health grounds. The only woman in the old cabinet, Wimala Kannan-gara, also quit.

Premadasa remains prime minister, his post for the past 11 years under outgoing President Junius Jayewardene. He took over 10 other portfolios, including defence, finance, and planning.

Retain

Lalith Athulathmudali's National Security Ministry, responsible until a year ago for the fight against Tamil separatist guerrillas, was scrapped. Athulathmudali was given the Food Ministry in addition to the trade and shipping portfolios he handled earlier.

The interim cabinet will function until a new government is formed after a general election on February 15. Premadasa has expressed confidence his ruling United National Party will retain power.

The interim cabinet decided at its first meeting to draw up a code of conduct for future parliamentarians "so as to help them to lead a clear life", new Information Minister Festus Perera told a news conference.

Perera said the cabinet in future would start proceedings with prayers.

"We will pray to our gods in our own minds before every cabinet meeting," Perera said,

noting that there were Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians in the interim government.

He said the cabinet noted that there had been no major violence since Premadasa was elected President in the December 19 poll.

Police reported seven political killings overnight in provincial areas and said they suspected gunmen of the leftwing People's Liberation Front.

The front, composed of members of the majority Sinhalese community, described the election as a fraud and attempted to disrupt it with attacks on polling stations, election workers and voters.

Shiite fighting flares up in south Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan 4. (AP): Fighting flared in south Lebanon today after Syrian troops moved into embattled neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Beirut to separate rival Shiite Muslim factions locked in a battle for mastery of their community.

A police spokesman said 10 combatants were wounded in the mortar duels that erupted at 2 pm (1200 GMT) in Iklam El-Tiffah, or Apple Province, shattering an overnight lull.

The new casualties hiked the overall toll in the five-day confrontation to 29 killed and 76 wounded.

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, said it was not known which of the two factions — the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, and the Syrian-backed Amal — rekindled the confrontation just north of Israel's self-designated security zone in south Lebanon.

The two factions have been fighting for control of villages bordering the northwestern edge of the security zone.

Hezbollah holds positions in the nearby villages of Jbaa, Ein Bouswar, Jarjou, Arab Saleem and Louwaizeh.

In south Beirut's slums, the undeclared truce was still hold-

ing, but officials feared it may not last in the absence of a political settlement of the power struggle that has raged for nine months.

The Shiite Muslim community's mufti said in a statement: "The only solution is to disarm the (two) militias."

"Their weapons have become tools for killing children and other innocent people," Sheikh Abdul Amir Qabalan said.

"No one should be allowed to possess weapons in south Beirut except the Syrian forces," he said.

The Syrians, who have had some 4,500 troops in south Beirut since the first round of Hezbollah-Amal fighting last year, redeployed in the area during the night.

Bank theft

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 4. (Reuter): Police have issued arrest warrants for four Malaysians alleged to have stolen 22.5 million ringgit (\$8.2 million) from the country's Central Bank.

Police are also probing the possibility that others beside the four — who include a lawyer and a former clerk at the bank — may be involved, a police statement said.

Ex-Czech diplomat given asylum in UK

LONDON, Jan 4. (AP): A former Czechoslovak diplomat in India, Vlastimil Lubvik, has been granted political asylum in Britain, the British Foreign Office said last night.

Lubvik was first secretary at his country's embassy in New Delhi but the Foreign Office would not say when he arrived in Britain or give background on his defection.

A spokesman said that Home Secretary Douglas Hurd granted the asylum request and Lubvik was in Britain.

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, said Lubvik approached Sir David Goodall, the British High Commissioner (ambassador) in New Delhi, more than two weeks ago and came to Britain before Dec 25.

The agency said Czechoslovak authorities reported Lubvik had disappeared and suggested he had been abducted.

London-Prague relations have been cool in recent years.

In September, Britain expelled three Czechoslovak diplomats, including two military attaches, for spying. Six days later, Prague retaliated by ordering two British military attaches to leave.

Indian Airlines crash caused by negligence, says report

NEW DELHI, Jan 4. (Agencies): Reports submitted to an investigating committee indicate that the pilot of an Indian Airlines jetliner which crashed and killed 133 people occasionally forgot to do landing checks, a newspaper reported today.

The Statesman, a Calcutta-based daily, also said the co-pilot did not have a valid flying license.

The newspaper gained access to technical reports submitted to a committee appointed by the Civil Aviation Ministry to find out what caused the Oct 19 accident.

Details of the inquiry will be submitted to the federal government on Jan 31, the newspaper said.

Clipped

The Boeing 737, flying from Bombay, clipped a tree, struck a power line and exploded on its final approach to Ahmedabad airport in central India, killing 129 passengers and six crew members. Only two passengers survived.

According to The Statesman, a 1987 performance report said Capt. O.N. Dalaya, who was piloting the plane, "tends to forget descent approach checks."

The Civil Aviation Ministry also submitted a report to the commission, disclosing the co-pilot Capt. Deepak Nagpal's license expired six days before the crash, the newspaper said.

The report also noted that

18-year-old aircraft had been "substantially damaged" in accidents in 1980 and 1983.

The crash was the airline's 16th major crash in its 26-year history.

On Monday, former Minister of State for Internal Security Arun Nehru told Parliament the airline has become "a national disgrace" and urged Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to correct the problems.

Meanwhile, a bomb threat forced two Singapore-bound Air-India jetliners to make emergency landings, one on the Indonesian island of Bali and the other in the Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, officials said today.

An Air-India spokesman in Singapore said an unidentified person called the airline yesterday saying a bomb was aboard an Air-India flight bound for Singapore.

The spokesman said two Air-India flights were scheduled to land in Singapore yesterday afternoon — a Boeing 747 from Sydney, Australia, with 280 people aboard, and an Airbus carrying 137 passengers on a flight from Kuala Lumpur.

Both planes were told of the threat and made landings as soon as possible.

The Air-India Boeing 747 jumbo jet made an emergency landing at Bali's Ngurah Rai international airport yesterday.

The death toll represented an increase of 20.9 per cent over the same period last year, police said.

Police also listed the number of people injured in traffic accidents during the five-day period at 3,198, up 38.6 per cent from a year ago.

Traffic accidents

SEOUL, Jan 4. (AP): Traffic accidents killed 133 people in South Korea's five-day holiday period at the end of 1988, police reported today.

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"It will not be an official visit," he said.

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Benazir to visit Makkah



Benazir: links

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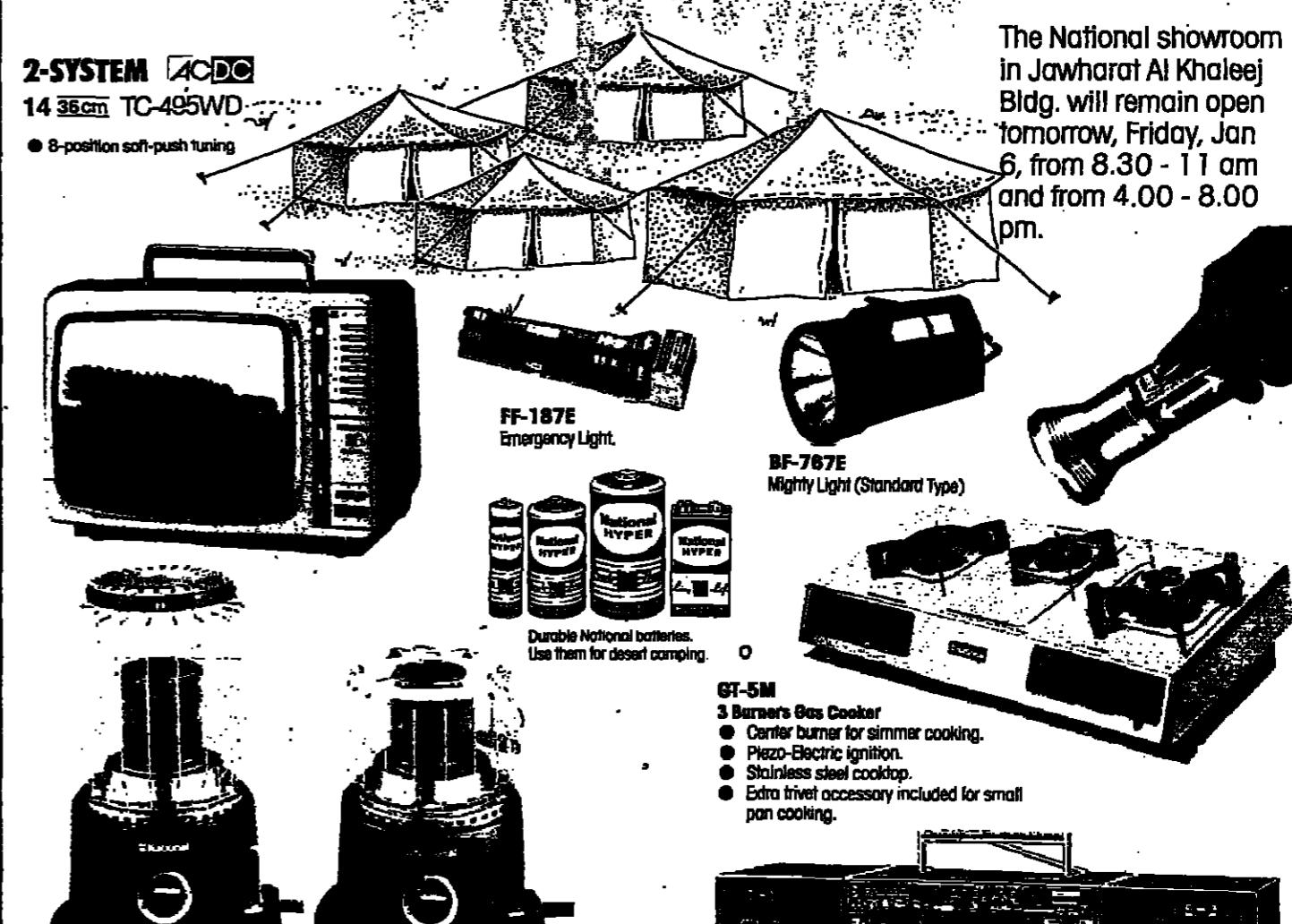
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Interior Ministry defines borders of five governorates

THE Interior Minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah issued a decision yesterday defining the administrative borders of the five governorates of Kuwait. The five governorates are the Capital, Hawalli, Farwaniya, Jahra and Ahmadi. A fifth governorate, Farwaniya, was established at the end of last year.

The Capital governorate is bordered by the sea from the north and east. In the south it extends from the sea, in the east, down along the 3rd Ring Road till it meets the Maghreb Road, still extending southward till the meeting of the 4th Ring Road with Maghreb Street. The western border of the capital governorate extends from the crossing of Maghreb Street with 4th Ring Road across the 4th Ring Road till it meets the Jahra Road.

The Hawalli capital is bordered by the Capital governorate from the north and from the sea in the east and runs southward till it meets the 7th Ring Road. In the south, it extends along the 7th Ring Road till it crosses with Assafar Motorway. In the west, the border runs from the 7th Ring Road along the Assafar Motorway till it meets the 4th Ring Road.

In the new governorate of Farwaniya, the north is bordered by the line extending from the crossing of Maghreb Road with the 4th Ring Road and along the 4th Ring Road to the west till it meets Jahra Road. It further extends westward along the Jahra Road till its crossing with Sulaihiya road.

In the west, Farwaniya borders begin from the crossing of Jahra and Sulaihiya roads and extends southward along Sulaihiya road till it meets 7th Ring Road. In the south the border begins from the crossing of Sulaihiya Road with 7th Ring Road along the 7th Ring Road till its crossing with Assafar Motorway. While in the east the border is between 7th Ring Road and 4th Ring Road along Assafar Motorway.

The borders of the Jahra governorate extend from its borders with the Capital, Farwaniya and Ahmadi in the east and south to the international borders with Iraq in the north and the sea in the east and Iraq in the west.

The Ahmadi governorate runs south of the 7th Ring Road down till the Saudi borders and meets Jahra borders in the east.



Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah made an inspection tour of the General Department for Immigration Affairs yesterday. The interior minister met with General Director of the Immigration Department Brigadier Khalid Al Munayes and discussed issues concerning the department's affairs.

He also inspected the flow of work at the department.

Housing problem receives priority treatment: Roudhan

THE Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasir Abdullah Al Roudhan has said that the housing problem receives priority attention from the government.

He told members of the Kuwait Journalists Society that the reasons for this were based on a number of factors, and that this was reflected in the fact that the Higher Housing Council had four ministers and 12 individuals from the private sector on its board who possessed knowledge and experience of housing care skills.

Al Roudhan said the government had also established the National Housing Authority to handle all administrative and technical affairs, and granted considerable freedom of action, independent of advance control, supervision of authorities like the Audit Bureau and regulations of the Central Tenders Committee.

Allocation

Referring to the upcoming fourth five-year plan (1990-95) that the housing project would be constructed on 15 different sites of 1500 houses each, and that this plan would be implemented carefully to ensure high-quality and minimum cost.

He added that government scientific institutions were contributing their research for the construction of upcoming housing projects.

Al Roudhan noted that future construction would largely be based on the vertical expansion approach in order to meet the housing needs of 26,000 applicants who are already on the list and 52,000 more whom we hopefully will satisfy with the implementation of the fourth five-year plan.

Implementation

He pointed out the importance of the Islamic Encyclopaedia as a largely important historical publication to shed light on the different Muslim countries of the world.

He added that the Islamic Encyclopaedia contains detailed information on each of the 46 Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) countries providing coverage on the social, historical, industrial, agricultural

He said that a total of 19,000 houses were constructed during the Housing Authority's first five-year plan (1975-80), and that the second five-year plan was allocated for the construction of integrated housing projects (1980-85), which included the provision of public facilities and the introduction of flat-type homes.

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EVENTS

The stuff that dreams are made of...

Recording a play for BBC World Service can be a dramatic experience in itself, especially when the production stars an actor of the stature of Sir John Gielgud. BBC's Walter Acosta explains how he has been indulging himself as a director.



he played young Ferdinand. Thereafter he was always Prospero: in 1930 at the Old Vic; in 1938, directed by George Devine and Maris Goring; in 1957, the famous Stratford production by Peter Brook and, in 1974, an operatic production by Peter Hall for the National Theatre.

Not forgetting, of course, his radio performances as the deposed Duke of Milan in 1931, 1948 and 1953. This would be Gielgud's eighth Prospero, 57 years on from the first. Quite understandable for me to be nervous, wouldn't you agree?

I suspect the other members of the cast were equally nervous: few of them had worked with Gielgud before. The call was for 10 o'clock. Not surprisingly, everyone was there a few minutes early, restless as greyhounds before a race. Some smoked, some buried their heads in the script, others discussed possible answers to the number four of that day's Times crossword.

Enter Gielgud. The actors jumped to their feet. A sort of Greek chorus greeted him with an unrehearsed but nevertheless

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on,
and our little life is rounded with a sleep..."

Prospero, the Duke of Milan — and his daughter Miranda — were cast off to sea by Prospero's usurping brother Antonio. They landed on an island ruled by an evil witch. Through his knowledge of magic, Prospero released the spirits kept captive by the witch, among them Ariel. He also used as his slave a misshapen inhabitant of the island called Caliban.

The play begins 12 years later,

Preview of The Tempest

when Prospero's magical powers cause the wreck of a ship carrying the King of Naples, Ferdinand, the King's son and Antonio himself. No one perishes, but Ariel — at his master's instigation — subjects the usurpers of Prospero's dukedom to a variety of terrors. Will they repent? Will Prospero, a loving father, be so blinded by anger and bitterness that he will condemn his enemies to perpetual indignities? Or will he forgive them?

all plastic artists residing in Kuwait. A maximum of three paintings can be submitted. Only original works which have not been exhibited before in Kuwait or elsewhere will be accepted. The works of art that will go on show will be selected by a committee and the Society retains the right to reject any work of art. The last date for submitting entries is Jan 20. Entries can be delivered from 5 to 8 pm at the premises of the K.S.F.A., Hawalli.

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT — Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Saudi House
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Sutain Gallery
ANNUAL: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghaneem Bldg., Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8pm.

Iwan Gallery
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, 25th January. The exhibition is located in Zahra Complex, Salmaia.

Ghadir Gallery
JAN 10-24: Kuwaiti artist Awaif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

Kuwait Society for Formative Arts
JAN 27 to Feb 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

The society invites formative artists, Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti, to submit their works. Rules: The exhibition is open to

all plastic artists residing in Kuwait. A maximum of three paintings can be submitted. Only original works which have not been exhibited before in Kuwait or elsewhere will be accepted. The works of art that will go on show will be selected by a committee and the Society retains the right to reject any work of art. The last date for submitting entries is Jan 20. Entries can be delivered from 5 to 8 pm at the premises of the K.S.F.A., Hawalli.

THEATRE

Tamil Play
JAN 6: 5 pm. IAC presents full-length Tamil play entitled "Ummiye Unn Vilai Enna?" (Truth: What is the Price?"). Directed by C.K.V. Raman. For guest passes call 3904817; 3903879; 4881359; 5616930.

Konkani Drama
JAN 13: 3 pm. Labour Union Hall, Hawalli. The Goa Cultural Association presents Konkani drama entitled "Tujem Sukh Mozo Dusman" written and directed by Rex de Bardez. The cast includes the Mendes Brothers, Anthony and guest-stars from Goa. William de Curtorim and S. Lemos. For details contact the GCA members.

Kuwait Players
Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 17 (7.30 pm) Gala night including buffet. Jan 18 and 25 (6.30 pm) family night. Jan 19/26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm). Jan 20-3 pm, 30 pm. Jan 23: 5.30 pm; Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland. Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets — KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048; 5657749.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
AL ANDALUS Night Club features Sharazad BBQ on Wednesday night; Arab singers provide live entertainment.

Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dain.

Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern cuisine; top Arabian singers serenade in the Al Andalus.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jayce Club members.

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LETTERS & EDITORIALS

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Thought for today

VANITY plays lurid tricks with our memory — Joseph Conrad. Polish-born novelist (1857-1924).

Allies desert Chile's Communist Party

By Eduardo Gallardo

SANTIAGO, Chile. (AP): Resisting reforms that have touched many socialist movements and persisting in its support of armed struggle, Chile's Communist Party finds itself increasingly isolated from former allies and other opposition forces.

Many parties once closely aligned with the communists, including important sectors of the Socialist Party, have taken pains to distance themselves from the pro-Moscow group as Chile prepares for an end to 15 years of right-wing military rule.

"Popular mobilization is still essential to put an end to the dictatorship," insisted Communist Party spokesman Jose Santucho in an interview with the Associated Press. "Popular mobilization" includes labour strikes and street demonstrations.

But Erich Schnake, a former Socialist senator who once participated in a coalition with the communists, said that "while communism is changing around the world, the Chilean party goes back to 1917 and declares itself pro-Bolshevik."

"That leaves them entrapped in a political-military apparatus."

Rebellion

Schnake referred to a recent Communist Party document that declared "our policy of open rebellion remains in effect."

It was a reiteration of a party statement in 1983 that formally proclaimed a strategy of popular rebellion and "the use of legitimate violence and all forms of struggle" against military President Augusto Pinochet.

Times have changed substantially since the days of a strong coalition of socialists, communists and other leftists grouped by Salvador Allende. Allende was elected president in 1970, but ousted by Pinochet in a bloody coup three years later.

Many of the socialists from that coalition, including Schnake, spent more than a decade in exile in Western Europe after

Yugoslavia considers multi-party system

By Vjekoslav Radovic

BELGRADE, (Reuter): Communist Yugoslavia is searching its soul over a possible switch to a multi-party system.

An economic crisis in Yugoslavia itself and liberal trends in the Soviet bloc have fuelled a debate on the subject which has spread into the ranks of the ruling Communist Party.

Even now, Yugoslavia sometimes seems to have more than one party as the communist parties of each republic and province seldom seem to agree, and often quarrel publicly with each other.

"The only problem is they are all communist parties and there is no real opposition across ideological lines," said a Yugoslav analyst.

Under the one-party system, there are no direct elections for top political posts. Parliamentarians are elected indirectly in a complex "delegates system" involving all aged over 18.

The prime minister is chosen by the supreme state body, the eight-member state presidency, and endorsed by Parliament.

The presidency is elected not by the people but by communist front organisations. Some steps are being taken to involve the people more directly in choosing the presidency.

When Prime Minister Branko Mikulic and his government resigned on Friday in an economic policy showdown with Parliament he became the first Yugoslav premier to fall since communists took power in 1945.

His fall demonstrated that Parliament already enjoys at least some opportunities akin to Western democracies, and prompted analysts to say that Yugoslavia will now have to ponder deeply a pluralist system and creation of an elected government.

Party secretary Stevan Korotic said earlier last month the idea of a classic multi-party system remained "futuristic."

But intellectuals in his liberal home Republic of Slovenia have set the ball rolling for seven alternative parties to be created. Two will soon hold their

Bonn and Paris bound by a new defence agreement

Impetus for European unity

By Kevin Costelloe

BONN, West Germany. (AP): West Germany and France, bound by a new defence agreement and headed toward creation of joint embassies, are providing some of the greatest impetus for European unity.

As the European Economic Community races toward the 1992 removal of internal barriers, West Germany and France have been pushing innovation in various key areas.

That coup. Their political views are moderate by reforms in that region, where socialist groups shed their Leninist tendencies.

But most Chilean communists sought refuge in the Soviet Union or East Germany. Upon their return, they have employed a revolutionary rhetoric that many ex-comrades find antiquated and offensive, and which contrasts sharply with the increasingly open style of even Soviet authorities. The party's secretary-general, Luis Corvalan, remains in Moscow.

The Communist Party came out in favour of a "no" vote in the October referendum only a few weeks before the referendum, when it was evident that Pinochet was likely to lose. Until then, it had characterized the vote a farce, and insisted that only mass struggle would topple the military government.

"We know that we have to prepare in advance for the future," Pennacchioni told the Associated Press in an interview at the embassy. "We (the French and West Germans) are showing the way that should be taken."

Indispensable

He stresses, however, that West Europeans view US troops as indispensable, a view that is unlikely to change in the near future.

France and West Germany, which have worked for decades to put the bitter experience of two world wars behind them, recently have agreed to:

● Form a joint defence and security council. The council will meet at least twice a year starting in early 1989 to co-ordinate virtually all aspects of defence, including disarmament, and will include the heads of government as well as the foreign and defence ministers. The council will have a permanent secretariat in Paris, according to the West German Defence Ministry.

● Create a joint economics

council of the two nation's finance and economics ministers, as well as the Central Bank presidents. The council, approved on Dec 1, will meet four times a year starting in 1989 to reach agreement on various economic issues, including inflation, currency rates as well as some foreign trade questions.

● Establish a 4,200-man joint French-German military brigade that will be fully in operation in the city of Boeblingen outside Stuttgart by October 1990. It will include infantry, tanks and artillery. As a preliminary move, a joint French-West German staff of 52 soldiers already has been established in Boeblingen, with troops scheduled to start gathering next year.

● Plan to open a joint embassy in Mongolia by 1990, with another one in another unspecified country at a later date. The embassies could be models for joint embassies possibly with other countries.

The joint French-West German military project is the most ambitious project — and also has raised the most eyebrows within NATO allies.

Policy

"The work of unifying Europe would remain incomplete, if it didn't also include defence and security policy. The Federal German (West Germany) and France are taking the lead in this direction," West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said during the Dec 1, debate on the Joint Defence and Security Council.

Pennacchioni, the French defence attaché in Bonn, said during the Dec 6 interview: "All the steps for the building up of Europe over the last 35 or 50 years go back to the efforts of France and Germany. All of the other nations have followed."

He acknowledges some countries have grumbled about the joint French-West German brigade, but Bonn officials emphasize it will not alter their role in NATO. France left the alliance's integrated military structure in 1966.

Pennacchioni adds: "No one is disputing or putting into question the (NATO) alliance."

There are no current plans to expand the French-West German brigade to include other countries.

Lieut. Col Joerg Schweinsteiger of the West German Defence Ministry said the United States, Britain and Italy were wary of the brigade.

The Italians reacted very critically. Perhaps that was a feeling that they were being excluded," he said. "Then we explained everything, and the criticism went down."

Schweinsteiger emphasized:

"You cannot view this as the first step toward an initiative that would do without an American military engagement in Europe. The French and the Germans view the American presence as indispensable."

Opposition also came from inside West Germany for other reasons. Greens parliament member Thomas Ebermann charged the brigade "signals a step toward a German-French nuclear axis aimed at Eastern Europe."

In addition to the French-German plans, Bonn suggested formation of a multinational European military division of about 15,000 troops within NATO.

Defence

"It is a German initiative for another European effort to improve defence," Gen. Wolfgang Altenburg, the West German chairman of NATO's military committee said during a high-level NATO meeting earlier this month in Brussels.

It would include forces from West Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium and possibly Luxembourg.

Josef Janning, an East-West expert at the Institute for Political Studies at the University of Mainz, said both proposals — the joint brigade and possible European division — are getting mixed reaction.

"The West Germans have thrown two stones into the water, and they want to see which one

makes the bigger ripples," Janning said.

On the economic front, Janning said France and West Germany have wide-ranging motives for co-operation.

The French see the West Germans have the best contacts with the East bloc. So the French see it's best to work with the Germans in that area," Janning said in a recent interview.

Co-operation

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in a speech on Dec 1 called for even closer co-operation between West German and France in formulating a "joint European policy" toward the Soviet Union and its European allies.

He was speaking at a ceremony in Aachen where he and French President Francois Mitterrand received the Charlemagne prize, a distinction awarded for achievements in fostering European unity.

Two diplomats from France are working in the West German Foreign Ministry, and two West German diplomats are serving in the French Foreign Ministry.

The various measures come as a new poll shows a leap in respect between French and West Germans, compared with five years ago.

A French-German poll conducted by the independent polling firm Sofres and released on Nov 11 showed that 54 per cent of the French surveyed considered West Germany their best friend, while 67 per cent of the West German interviewees felt the same about France.

The poll questioned 1,000 Frenchmen and 910 Germans. The United States came in second in both countries.

In a similar poll conducted in 1983, only 48 per cent of the French surveyed rated West Germany at the top of their allies list, while 33 per cent of the West Germans placed France at the top of their list.

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Irregularities in Indian schools



SIR: I refer to the letter "Nationalise schools," (AT, Dec 22-23). It is high time that concerned authorities look into the activities of Indian schools and their board of trustees/directors.

The schools increase fees whenever they like. Parents are forced to pay the higher fees but they are not told anything about the running of the schools.

Here are some facts about these schools.

Indian School, Salmiya, was started in 1959 by the Indian community by raising funds and now it has become a huge profit-making institution. It is managed by few Hindus who are glued to their directorship and refuse to leave, except the chairman who employee overnight, taking KD50,000 as loan from the school (his share of profit).

To compensate this loss, the fees were increased twice in a year. The reason ostensibly was to increase the salaries of teachers and non-teaching staff. They were given a raise of between KD115 in 1980 will get less than KD400 by the year 2000. My salary is now KD24. May be after ten years my salary will be KD 380. Any government employee who started with a salary below KD300 in 1980 will be able to bring his family to Kuwait this century.

In 1980, the minimum salary required for government employees to get a family visa was KD350. Within eight years the minimum salary required was raised to KD450, while our salaries did not increase by KD100.

As Islam is against husband and wife being separated for more than six months, I request the concerned authorities to allow government employees to bring in their families.

A ministry employee, (Name and address supplied).

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Another Indian school based in Abbassia is run by Christians and they have converted it into a profit-making bazaar (shop). They sell visas, bring housewives from India and the present principal runs the school in a Goan style. He does not care about Islam or its heritage but moves his students into a disco world.

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Use of chemical weapons

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON, (Reuter): A new military threat is facing the world, many governments believe, but it comes from one of the oldest technologies still around — poison gas.

The main cases, nowadays known as chemical weapons, were basically developed some 50-75 years ago.

The reason foreign ministers from scores of countries are starting a five-day conference in Paris on Saturday to try to enforce a ban on their use is largely because of the havoc they caused in the Iran-Iraq war, which ended last August.

Expertise

This is why such substances as mustard gas and nerve gas have been dubbed "the poor man's nuclear bomb," whose widespread acquisition could have a dangerous effect on unstable areas like the Middle East.

Unlike nuclear arms, chemical weapons require only moderate technical expertise to make — about the same as the manufacture of high explosive, experts say — and the raw materials are much easier to get hold of.

Indeed, the insidious thing about them is that they can often be made from perfectly ordinary substances, such as weed-killers or insecticides, which are commercially available.

Take mustard gas. A basic ingredient is thiodiglycol, a

chemical used to make ballpoint pens flow freely or transfer bright colours into fabrics. But add hydrochloric acid, and the deadly gas is produced.

Specialists say that any country with a modest petrochemical industry can produce chemical weapons. The toxic substances can be packed into artillery shells, bombs or rockets.

Since evidence emerged about four years ago of the use of poison gas in the Gulf war, some industrial countries have imposed controls on exports of possible ingredients — known in the trade as "precursors."

Warning

Two years ago, a group of 18 Western nations drew up a warning list of 35 such chemicals and asked their domestic industries to alert them to any suspicious shipments.

But experts say the controls are still far from watertight. "If you're really set on getting nerve gas, you'll probably find a manufacturer that can supply the precursors," says Julian Perry Robinson of Britain's Sussex University.

Chemicals first appeared as a significant weapon in a modern

war in April, 1915, when the Germans released 168 tonnes of chlorine gas against Allied positions at Ypres in Belgium.

The British soon retaliated in kind, mustard gas appeared in 1917, and by the end of World War I in 1918 some 100,000 men had been killed and over one million injured by gases.

Banned

Revulsion against the carnage led to the Geneva protocol of 1925, which banned the use of chemical weapons in war, though not their production or possession. The Paris conference will seek to reassert this accord, which now has over 110 parties.

Since 1925, the best-documented evidence of the use of poison gas has been by the Italians in Abyssinia (Ethiopia) in 1935, by the Japanese against China in 1937-42, and by Egyptian forces against royalist guerrillas in North Yemen in the 1960s.

The Germans had nerve gas during World War II but Hitler never used it, fearing retaliation.

In recent years, allegations of chemical weapons use in various conflicts have been legion, but hard evidence very difficult to come by.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1477 — Swiss defeat and kill Charles the Bold of Burgundy at Battle of Nancy.
- 1762 — Tsarina Elizabeth of Russia dies, is succeeded by Peter II.
- 1809 — Britain and Turkey conclude Treaty of Dardanelles.
- 1895 — Discovery of X-ray is announced by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen.
- 1899 — General Aguinaldo demands Philippine independence from United States.
- 1919 — Communist Spartacist revolt begins in Berlin. Nationalist Socialist Party formed in Germany.
- 1929 — King Alexander I suppresses Yugoslav constitution and established dictatorship.
- 1961 — Military government in Peru arrests hundreds of people accused of being communists.
- 1964 — Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Benedictus of Jerusalem meet in holy land on Mount of Olives — first meeting in five centuries between a Roman Catholic Pope and Eastern Orthodox church patriarch.
- 1969 — Soviet Union launches unmanned spacecraft toward Venus and predicts it will arrive in area of the planet in four months.
- 1974 — British ring London's Heathrow airport with troops and tanks as anti-terrorist alert goes into effect.
- 1977 — Syria says it will relax restrictions imposed on 4,500 Syrian Jews.
- 1986 — Arab nations throw support behind Libya in event of attack by United States or Israel in retaliation for terrorist attacks on two airports

The Art Buchwald Column

A goes into B

OF ALL the Christmas phrases my wife has uttered over the years, the one that she is in love with is, "Why don't you read the instructions?" It doesn't matter if it concerns a piece of wooden furniture from K-mart, or an expensive popcorn maker from South Korea; she just thinks I will have an easier time of it if I refer to the instruction booklet (written half in Korea) before I proceed.

This makes no sense. Instructions are for idiots who don't have the magic touch. They are written by nerds to explain to dummies how to operate a piece of machinery which will probably never work anyway.

The other day I brought home a toy Steinway piano. At least the picture on the box said it was a piano. But inside the carton it turned out to be a thousand pieces of wood, some wire and three screws.

Just as I finished unpacking it, my wife went into her usual routine, "Why don't you read the instructions?"

"Because," I said, "it would only be a sign of weakness. This is not a complex nuclear reactor. It

is a very simple design that a child could put together."

"But you're not a child," she protested. "That piano has more parts than all the toys in Taiwan."

"Forgive me for sounding so pigish, but women do not understand the excitement that men experience when putting something together without the instructions. Remember the swing set I erected for the kids several years ago? Do you think the children would have gotten any pleasure out of it if I had followed the instructions?"

"You didn't construct that swing. After it crashed, you hired a contractor to put it together."

"I don't remember details that far back. There is a knack to assembling anything. You have to lay all the pieces out neatly in front of you, and then screw the little pieces on to the bin niente."

"Is that what the instructions say?" "No, but that's what logic dictates. When the project is completed, the trick is not to have any screws left over. Instructions don't tell you that. That's where one's engineering education comes in."

"I have no idea where you're headed with this."

"Like most married women your trouble is that you would rather trust a piece of paper written by a Tibetan student than your own husband."

"All I'm going to be is years of experience. The attic is filled with unfinished children's masterpieces that you tried to assemble without success."

"Every one of them was either short of a piece of plastic or included the wrong fasteners and bolts."

"Why do you keep doing it?"



"Haven't you ever heard of the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat? Look at all the money we're saving. If I bought this piano assembled, it would cost \$99. I only paid \$59, because when it comes to toys I'm own man. When I finish fitting the black keys between the white keys, even you will not be able to tell the difference."

"Why is it tilting over to one side?"

"Because they included the wrong supports for the legs. One is shorter than the other. But not to worry — I can deal with it."

"How?" she asked.

"Read my hands."

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

More thoughts on fatherhood

WHEN a man has children, the first thing he has to learn is that he's not the boss of the house. I am certainly not the boss of my house.

However, I have seen the boss' job and don't want it, for sometimes the boss ends up sitting alone in a room and talking to herself as if the enemy were there: "What do you mean you don't want to do it? When I tell you to do something, you do it and you don't stand there practising for law school!"

Before we were married, my wife was a stunningly beautiful woman. Today she is a stunningly beautiful woman whose mouth droops and who has conversations with herself.

She also sounds like my mother: "I'm gonna knock you into the middle of next week!" The middle of next week, by the way, is where their father wouldn't mind going. I would have four days by myself.

Learn

You new fathers will learn that almost all mothers are like my wife and have conversations with themselves. These maternal monologists, however, have developed a lovely retaliation. They put a curse on their children who act just like you. (And, of course, the curse always works, proving that God has a sense of humour.)

There is no wisdom I can give you new fathers more profound than what I said at the start of this chapter: you are not the boss of this house that you want the children out of within thirty years and you are not allowed to give them permission for anything.

When one of them comes to you and says: "Dad, can I go explore the Upper Nile?" your answer must be, "Go ask your mother."

Only once did I make the great permission mistake. One of the children came to me and said, "Dad, can I go out and play?"

"Sure," I replied. "I don't see why not."

That was the last time I couldn't see why not. My wife came in and said, "Did you let that child go out?"

"Yeah," I said.

Writing jokes is world's worst job

By John M. Leighty

SAN FRANCISCO, (UPI): Humorist Karen Warner says writing jokes for comedians is one of the world's worst jobs.

"They've got to have killer jokes that work all the time on stage and the audience is saying, 'Okay, make me laugh,'" said Warner. "It's a tough way to make a living."

She's written jokes for a fund-raiser for Sen. Barry Goldwater, Republican-Arizona, and for a roast honouring Sen. Alan Cranston, Democrat-California.

Members of the association, she said, include Strange De Jim, a regular in the local comedy clubs. John Canu, founder of the annual comedy festival in Golden Gate park, and neurologist Dr Michael Bass, who moonlights as a stand-up comic known as Dr serious.

"It's an eclectic group and is open to anybody who has anything to do with humour or comedy, so it's a lot of fun."

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And even if the child says that she got permission, I still say, "Very fine, just bring me a note from your mother. It doesn't have to be notarized. A simple signature and will do."

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Down mammmary lane

ATELEVEN, the imbalance in a child, especially a girl, moves from the physical to the mental. At eleven, a girl stands at the window a lot and stares out into space. She is waiting for her breasts to come. The strange look on her face moves you to ask, "Are you all right?"

"Well, sort of, I guess," she says. "They didn't come today."

"Well, you're going to stay right here. You're not going to any mall to look at nasty boys."

A father who hears this is rooting for the mother, of course, he knows exactly what those boys at the mall have in their depraved little minds because he once owned such a depraved little mind himself.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

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Special to the
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A bumper feast promised from filmland

Plenty of surprises in store for 1989

AS we enter the last year of the present decade we hope that 1989 will wipe out the painful memories of the first 9 years, and that Indian cinema enters a new era in the 90s, as it heads into the 21st century.

Once again, as at the start of every new year, the motion picture and entertainment industries have lined up an interesting package for the public, with quite a few surprises in store. Along with the cinema, the TV, video and audio cassette worlds are also not lagging behind in preparing a bumper feast, spread out over the months to come.

The films due for immediate release and therefore the most talked about come from different sources, with various directors and stars trying to reach the top of the success 'ladder.' But, as usual, they know that there are many 'pits' and 'snakes' in the game, which can bring them tumbling down to square one. *Yateem* is a home-production, of the Deol family with Dharmendra as the father figure and Sunny trying out the image of a youngster, more sinned against than sinning. Farha plays his heroine and Sujata Mehta his step mother, with villains Danny and Amrish Puri filling his cup of misery. It has a rather difficult story for the masses to accept, and director J.P. Dutta, is also on trial.

Another promising but somewhat off-beat film is K. Vishwanath's *Beshawar* (loosely meaning God), with Anil Kapoor bidding for top honours. He plays a retarded trampish character (a la Raj Kapoor) from youth to old age, who supports a suffering widow played by the new heroine Vijaya Shanti from the South.

It is more of an emotional drama, without the usual crude violent villains and supported by good music. Vishwanath has



Young talents hoping to score in '89 are Salman (left) and Bhagyashri in 'Maine Pyar Kiya.'

had some pretty big Telugu-Hindi hits in the past, turning Jaya Prada into a Hindi screen idol. But in the light of present trends, there is a danger of *Beshawar* being labelled as a class film, meant for small box-office returns. Vijaya Shanti's future also depends on this.

Dismal

Looking into last year's dismal and gigantic flops, what the industry badly needs today are a few super duper hits, which will stabilise its economy. There are some hopes on Rekha starters, after a limited success of two of her films *Khoon Bhari Maang* and *Biwi Ho To Aisi* last year. Both however showed a potential of only 8 to 10 weeks before being shifted to morning shows. Her dacoit drama *Kasam Sehag Ki* directed by Mohan Sehgal will

prove her worth. Also awaited are her other films like *Madam X*, *Ladaai*, *Sheeshmang* etc.

As a last desperate measure, the industry may make Amitabh and Rekha to act opposite each other. But the big-budget spectacles on the near release chart are *Joshilay*, *Daata* and *Ram Lakhan*.

Though *Sridevi*, *Anil*, *Sunny*, and *Meenakshi* adorn *Joshilay*, along with breathtaking *Lakhan* outdoors, the film's stormy production history make it a doubtful case as a dramatic winner.

Sultan Ahmed's Daata filmed in the grand movie-mughal style has Mithun as a draw but retired *Padmim* Kolhapure as a hurdle. *Subhash Ghai's Ram Lakhan* has been cooked up rather too fast for comfort. Its tale of two con-

trasting brothers is familiar but its songs and stars like *Jackie*, *Anil*, *Dimple*, *Madhuri*, *Rakhee*, *Sonika* *Gill*, plus three hard villains may help.

Raj Kumar Kohli's Bees Saal Baad and later *Gulzar's Lekin* may revive the faith in mystery films to bewitch the public. Family tales like *Gharana* with *Rishi*, *Meenakshi*, *Govinda*, *Neelam* and *Sri Prada* and *Billo Badshah* with family head *Shatrughan Sinha* fighting his kith and kin (*Govinda*, *Neelam*, *Sumeet Saigal*, *Archana Joglekar*) are expected to have a steady clientele.

Jeetendra and *Bhanupriya* will try their pairing again in *Daav Pech* perhaps for the last time. *Paraya Ghar* will try the star power of *Jaya Prada*, *Rishi*, *Babbar* and the unlucky

Madhvi in a tear-jerking drama.

Multi-star films, long in the making, will also surface, like *Haaska* (on the lines of TV serial 'Nukkad'). It has *Rakhee*, *Mithun*, *Sunjay Dutt*, *Amrita*, *Madhuri*, *Om Puri*, even *Dharm* in a special role, against a backdrop of street-corner folks.

Raj Sippy's Mahadev must revive the charm of *Vinod Khanna* who stars with *Meenakshi* and *Sonu Walia*, otherwise the 'born again' star will be a goner (remember *Dayavan*). *Kanwal Sharma's Ustad* also has *Vinod* with *Jaya Prada*, *Chunky*, *Kimi* etc. *Vinod Dewan's Shandar* has *Mithun*, *Meenakshi*, *Mandakini*, *Juhi Chawla* and sundry villains. *Kanoon Ki Awaz* and *Main Tera Dushman* are action dramas, with *Jaya Prada* against *Sridevi*, *Jackie* and *Sunny* in the second film and *Shatrughan Sinha* with *Shekhar Suman* in the first.

Later in the year, we will have many films worth waiting for. The result of *Amitabh's Ganga*, *Jamuna*, *Saraswati* to be fol-

One more chance for Jackie Shroff in *Tridev*, seen here with Madhuri Dixit.

Na Takrana, *Arjanam Khuda Jaane*, *Action*, *Shera Shamsara*, *Tridev*, *Garamji*, *Akbar Ghulam*, *Dushman*, *Agneepath*, *Akayla* and *Ajooobs*. This Indo-Soviet co-production of *Shashi Kapoor* is another big fantasy film to be expected this year. The success of *Teesaab* has given a real big spurt to action films with terrible violence.

We will reap the harvest with *Guru*, *Jurrat*, *Hathyar*, *Him Se*

owed soon by *Toodan* will decide whether *Satyamev* will get a release priority. Other Amitabh films which stand a bigger chance are *Agneepath*, *Akayla* and *Ajooobs*. This Indo-Soviet co-production of *Shashi Kapoor* is another big fantasy film to be expected this year. The success of *Teesaab* has given a real big spurt to action films with terrible violence.

Some old actor-directors will probably come up with their last films. From *Manoj Kumar's* camp, the ancient *Santosh* will be followed by *Clerk* and *Deshwasi*. *Dev Anand* may finally bring out his *Sachche Ka Balsat* and perhaps complete *Avrval Number* mainly on the commercial pull of *Asmir Khan*. *Villain Rangoli* will make his ambitious debut with *Karuna*. *Rajesh Khanna* is presenting his *Jai Shiv Shankar*.

There are some art films to come, if picked up by distributors, like *Kilayee*, *Raakhi*, *Sheesh*, *Saalam Bombay* and even *Parinda* made on a big scale with big stars.

Mahesh Bhatt is cooking his pseudo stuff in *Kasoor*, *Jurm*, *Daddy* etc. The only Muslim socials are *Naqab*, *Jaan-e-Mehboob* and *Razia* and for all we know, 1989 may spring some totally unexpected surprises, like *Henna*.

Rekha (left) fights corruption in the form of Rajnikant in *Bhrashtachar*.

Behind the screen

It seems *Jeetendra* is not quite sure of his own star power. He has partly ghost-financed *Amitabh's film* *Hum* produced by ex-actor *Romesh Sharma*. The businesslike *Jeetu* is charging 2 per cent interest per month. But what if the film drowns even the capital amount?

Santosh completed after eleven years is being publicised as having the blessings of a goddess. Whoever sees it is also requested to write in trade papers saying: "mark my words, this film will bring back the audience to the theatres."

While *Govinda* competes with *Mithun* in dancing and

Chunky is no match to both actors, so far as dance is concerned. The tall tough boy looks horrid in a dancer's dress and his gyrations are atrocious. Want proof? See the tribal dance in *Agnee*.

Does *Sunjay Dutt* consider his wife *Richa* and new-baby-to-be so inauspicious that he often sends them off to USA? *Dr* is it a device for him to remain "free" in Bombay's *filmdom*? Or further still is it a prelude to himself vanishing off to the States under the ready excuse of medical treatment?

Unlike other stars, *Mithun* did not want a son but a daughter to play sister to son *Mimoh*. But wife *Yogeeta* has given him



Sunjay Dutt: long jump to 1989 or the USA

another son. Knowing the ways of *filmdom*, *Mithun* prefers a "Bhai-boker" pair, rather than "bhai ka dashman bhai." Now he is looking for one more child.

Has *Dilip Kumar* been up-

taged by the young and upstart heroes bringing pressure on producers not to sign him? The thespian has hardly any releases in 1989. *Subhash Ghai's Saalgarh* with *Dilip* and *Raj Kumar* stands little chance of being completed this year.



Jeetendra: no confidence in Amitabh

ANDY CAPP



By Smith

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

EXERCISE CAN HELP PATIENTS WHO HAD HEART ATTACKS

QUESTION: I suffered a myocardial infarction. Will rehabilitation programme help my survival chances?

ANSWER: There have been many studies concerning your question, but conclusive evidence has been very difficult to draw for several reasons.

In seven of nine scientific studies that involved 3,222 patients, results indicated that there definitely was a decrease in the total death rate for myocardial infarction (heart attack) patients who were involved in a rehabilitation or exercise programme. The figures showed a 20 per cent to 50 per cent decrease.

At the very least, this was comparable to the benefits claimed for several other clinically accepted forms of therapy for myocardial infarction patients. And it certainly was much less costly than some others. For instance, the annual cost of a well-designed cardiac rehabilitation programme is approximately one-seventieth the cost of surgery.

But a relatively small number of patients participated in those studies, and many par-

ticipants did not stay with the studies for the required lengths of time. Some of the people also were not careful in complying with their exercises and other instructions. Because of additional technical problems, the studies have been regarded by some authorities as less than conclusive.

However, it does appear to be clear that an exercise programme can produce differing levels of improvement in the moods of those participating and in their abilities to return to physical work earlier than patients who did not take part in the programmes.

Therefore, a growing number of physicians believe them is solid ground for prescribing exercise-centred cardiac rehabilitation for their patients who have suffered uncomplicated myocardial infarctions. And so the answer to your question, in my opinion, is a "yes" for I feel you will gain much from a professionally conducted cardiac rehabilitation programme.

QUESTION: I took the diving board off our local pool. Why?

ANSWER: Diving is a leading cause of spinal cord injuries among athletic

activities, causing about 1,300 spinal cord injuries per year. Diving injuries also kill, but these deaths are classified as drownings, so their number is uncertain.

There are several easy ways to reduce the chance of a diving injury. Most injuries occur when people are showing off, in horseplay or involve a dare. Never dive into water you don't know. In lakes or rivers, go into the water first to check how deep it is before diving. In a pool, find out where the deep area ends or you may overshoot it and slam into the slope leading to the shallow part. No above-ground pool is deep enough to dive into, so don't even think about it.

The people who run your local pool

decided to eliminate the risk of diving injuries by removing the diving board, and they may have had good reason. One possible factor may have been their inability to obtain insurance to cover anyone injured in a diving accident. Whatever the reason, remember to play by the rules. Don't dive in that pool.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Subroto to chair energy session at Swiss economic forum

GENEVA, Jan 4. (OPECNA): OPEC Secretary-General Dr Subroto will attend the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, from Jan 26 to Feb 1.

The secretary-general will chair a discussion session designed by the sponsors as "The energy sector: the challenge of prime actors to market forces."

Several oil and energy ministers from OPEC and non-OPEC countries, as well as non-governmental representatives from Norway, Australia, Jordan and the United States, are also expected to be present.

The week-long annual event will be attended by the prime ministers of Belgium, Norway and Portugal, as well as ministers, bankers and scientists and a large number of top business executives, according to spokeswoman Corinne Mory.

Development

The participants will deal with current economic, financial and political issues along with projections on future developments.

The programme will also feature a discussion session between OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers and oil industry executives on world energy prospects.

Mrs Mory said the debt crisis would account for a "considerable" part of the discussions, adding that it was expected that the Venezuelan President-elect, Carlos Andres Perez, would unveil a new debt rescheduling plan for Latin America on the occasion.

The World Economic Forum was established in 1971.

Saudi Arabia, UAE sign aviation accord

ABU DHABI, Jan 4. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed an aviation accord today under which Emirates Airlines will begin flights to the kingdom, the official WAM news agency reported.

Gulf Air, in which Abu Dhabi, the biggest emirate in the UAE, has a stake along with Bahrain, Oman and Qatar, already flies to Saudi Arabia.

WAM said the accord gave Saudi Arabia and the UAE the right to use more than one carrier.

The head of Saudi Arabia's Civil Aviation Authority, Sheikh Naser Al Assaf, in Dubai for talks on the accord, said a previous plan for the merger of three airlines owned by the Gulf Co-operation Council member states — Saudi, Gulf Air and Kuwait Airways — had been suspended.

Iraq to spend \$900m on its Gulf ports

BAGHDAD, Jan 4. (OPECNA): Iraq is to spend nearly \$900 million on the development of its ports on the Gulf, according to Minister of Transport and Communications Mohammed Hamza.

Under a programme due to begin tomorrow, 13 new jetties with a total capacity of four million tons will be built at the Umm Qasr port.

One floating ship repair dock and berthing terminals will also be built at and around the Khor Al Zubair port.

The minister said work had already begun in deepening and widening the navigational canals leading to the Gulf to facilitate the anchoring of heavy loading vessels.

Ten more jetties expected to be completed at Umm Qasr over the next three months will add three million tons to the port's loading and unloading capacity.

Jordan bank fines money-changer

AMMAN, Jan 4. (Reuter): Jordan's Central Bank said today it had fined an exchange house 200,000 dinars (\$419,000) and closed it for six months for currency violations.

A spokesman told Reuters the Central Bank board of directors took action after airport customs caught the Saudi exchange company trying to smuggle 200,000 dinars out of Jordan.

The decision to confiscate the whole amount and stop the company's operations for six months from January 3 was taken because of the company's recurring attempts to contravene the laws and regulations of the Central Bank, the spokesman said.

He said Saudi exchange company had been fined a total of 9,000 dinars (\$18,860) for three similar violations in 1988 and warned each time that its licence might be revoked.

US sales up in Japan

Japanese firms capture half the world market

SAN JOSE, California, Jan 4. (AP): Semiconductor companies concentrating in the fastest-growing areas of the industry are gaining larger shares of the global market, with Japanese companies capturing half the world's sales, according to a survey released today.

While the Japanese share of the market rose to 50 per cent from about 48 per cent in 1987, the American share fell by about the same amount, from 39 per cent in 1987 to 37 per cent last year, according to the annual survey by Dataquest.

"Japanese companies have positioned themselves extremely well in the high-growth areas, for example, Dynamic RAMs. They have a huge share ... and it's the fastest-growing market," said Stan Brueckler, vice-president for Dataquest's Components Division Research.

Advantage

American companies are not taking advantage of high-growth areas, including high-performance 16- and 32-bit microprocessors, to the same extent, Brueckler said.

Dataquest, which surveyed 112 top semiconductor suppliers, also reported that worldwide growth in the industry slowed in the final three months of 1988. Annual growth was 32.9 per cent, greater than the industry's 22.8 per cent growth in 1987 but less than Dataquest's

forecast of 35.8 per cent.

Most of the slowdown was due to a drop in sales as companies adjusted their inventories during the final three months of the year, the San Jose-based Research and Consulting Company said. Some of the excess inventory may have resulted from companies not getting as many dynamic random access memory devices, or DRAMs, as they expected, Brueckler said.

Dominance

"But it's not expected to be a long-term trend, though we see the market slowing down this year. We still think 1989 will be higher than 1988 in terms of sales," he added.

Japanese companies' dominance in DRAMs, the high-density low-cost, memories widely used in personal computers, helped boost their share of the North American semiconductor market to a record 20 per cent last year, up from 15 per cent in 1987, Dataquest said.

American companies, however, also gained in the Japanese market, capturing 10 per cent of sales in 1988, a gain of nearly two per cent from 1987. It was the first increase in the US share of the Japanese market since 1984, according to Dataquest.

Japanese semiconductor companies, however, have a built-in advantage in that they are the primary suppliers of the Japanese

market, the fastest-growing market in the world, Brueckler said. Japanese companies enjoy 89 per cent of their domestic market.

Dataquest also found that European companies' sales dropped from 11 per cent to 10 per cent in 1988 but that companies in other parts of the world enjoyed a three per cent share, up from 1.6 per cent in 1987.

One company, Samsung of South Korea, nearly tripled its sales from \$327 million to 905 million, jumping in rank from No. 23 in 1987 to No. 18 in 1988 and becoming the first non-American or non-Japanese company to join the top 20 companies, Dataquest said.

Exchange will offer Hungarians more options for investment, says banker

1989 brings economic reforms to Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Jan 4. (AP): For Hungary, the New Year brings the Soviet bloc's first stock exchange, new incentives for foreign investors and other economic reforms that the Soviet Union is eyeing with interest.

Hungary began pioneering experiments unique to the East Bloc nearly three decades ago. By 1970s, it boasted a small but dynamic private sector, vested managers of state-run enterprises with power to turn a profit and offered many a standard of living unequalled elsewhere in the Soviet Bloc.

Economic experimentation continued into the 1980s, resulting in such wrinkles as the Soviet Bloc's first bond market. But critics now say such moves came too late and were too little to permit competition with more dynamic Western economies.

Debt

By the 1985 the economy was moribund, characterised by a growing foreign debt, below-plan production, increasing government budget deficits and persistent inflation.

A leadership change last year swept away many of the more cautious old guard. Now politicians and economic experts

are touting the "socialist market economy," envisaging reforms that come closer to Western-style capitalism.

Moscow has encouraged Budapest in its reform drive, apparently anxious to see the result in this comparatively small country of 10.6 million before taking similar steps in the Soviet Union.

Soviet Politburo member Alexander N. Yakovlev, at a Budapest news conference in November, chided Soviet journalists for not covering Hungarian reforms more comprehensively.

Restructuring the economy is vital both to domestic stability and foreign creditability. Bela Kadar, director of the Planned Economy Institute of the Hungarian National Planning Office, wrote recently in the economic weekly Figyelő that servicing the debt will far exceed the \$400 million to \$500 million projected to be the hard currency surplus generated by trade next year.

Hungarians, whose purchasing power was the envy of citizens in other Soviet Bloc countries now have to deal with inflation hovering at 16 per cent. Personal income and sales taxes introduced in 1988, subsidy reductions that could close state enterprises and rising unemployment have all contributed to sinking living standards and fear for the future.

Along with the economic changes the leadership is offering wide-ranging political reforms, such as the laws on assembly and association slated for passage later this month.

The exchange would offer Hungarians more options for investment, Jarai said. Currently, monied Hungarians tend to buy homes or fancy electronic goods.

The stock market also will permit business to go public for financing, Jarai suggested. Banks now are reluctant to bankroll entrepreneurs just starting out.

The adoption of a securities law, expected by mid-1989, essentially would amount to the official founding of the market. Foreign participation in joint ventures would be liberalised.

Hungarians already have reached agreement with foreigners on about 230 joint ventures, as the key to turnaround. Among them is Zsigmond Jarai, deputy managing director of the Budapest Bank and a member of the stock exchange committee, who said in a recent interview that the exchange will stimulate the domestic economy and draw foreign investors.

On the economic front, some experts put their faith in the nascent stock market, as the key to turnaround. Among them is Zsigmond Jarai, deputy managing director of the Budapest Bank and a member of the stock exchange committee, who said in a recent interview that the exchange will stimulate the domestic economy and draw foreign investors.

Hungarians have been active on other economic fronts as well. On Dec 1, an extensive accord with the European Economic Community went into effect establishing most favoured trade status and diplomatic relations between the two parties.

Czechoslovak trade team to visit South Korea

Seoul signs fishing pact with Moscow

SEOUL, Jan 4. (AP): In another sign of improving South Korean-Soviet relations, a local fishing company said today it has signed a contract to operate within the Soviet Union's 200-mile (321-kilometre) economic sea zone.

Korea Tuna Co of Seoul said that under a three-year contract signed in Moscow last week, it will soon send a fish-processing ship to Soviet waters in the sea of Okhotsk, off the Kamchatka peninsula.

Meanwhile, the giant Hyundai group of South Korea wants to take part in the development of Siberia and other joint venture projects in the Soviet Union, the conglomerate's owner said today.

"If they request our participation, we are interested in such

projects," Hyundai's honorary chairman, Chung Ju Yung, said in an interview with the economic newspaper Maeil Kyunghae Shinmun.

Chung, who owns the Hyundai group of 22 firms with 160,000 employees, planned to leave for the Soviet Union on Friday to discuss various joint venture projects, including the development of Siberia.

Chung said he is particularly interested in the development of timber and coal in Siberia as well as offshore natural gas projects and shipyards.

The South Korean businessman, originally from North Korea, reportedly had received a formal invitation from Pyongyang to visit.

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Nigeria pledges every effort to honour debts

LAGOS, Jan 4. (Reuter): Nigeria, pledging to make "every effort" to honour its foreign debts, said yesterday that new loans would help the government deal with a burgeoning budget deficit and huge overseas borrowings. Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji, minister of state for budget and planning, was explaining details of an austerity budget announced by President Ibrahim Babangida on Sunday aimed at cutting imports and boosting farming and small scale industry. Alhaji said \$2 billion — 37 per cent of foreign exchange revenues, 80 per cent of which come from oil sales — had been allocated to service repayments on Nigeria's foreign debt of \$26 billion. In naira terms, repayments on external and internal loans in 1989 will nearly double to 15.03 billion naira, compared with 6.92 billion in 1988. Alhaji said fresh loans from the World Bank and other foreign creditors should narrow Nigeria's projected 1989 budget deficit 12.88 billion naira, (\$2.43 billion at the pre-budget official exchange rate). Alhaji said new loans should furnish around six billion naira (\$1.13 billion). The first tranche of a \$500 million World Bank loan should be now have been released, co-financing of around \$200 million is expected from Japan and an international creditors meeting in London next week could help mobilise more funds. Alhaji said money from current projects, such as those funded by the United Nations Development Programme, would provide about another 2.5 billion naira (\$472 million). He said the remainder would be financed by borrowing from financial institutions. "The federal government will make every effort within available resources to honour the terms of all rescheduled loan agreements," he said. He said efforts would continue to reschedule existing debt but borrowing from commercial banks and the international capital market would be discouraged.

Strong economies in industrial countries buoy metals prices

LONDON, Jan 4. (Reuter): Zinc prices rose to record highs in dollars today on the London Metal Exchange while copper hit an all-time peak in sterling as strong expansion in the industrial economies buoyed demand. High grade zinc for three months delivery hit an all-time peak of \$1,620 a tonne, up 14 from yesterday although it eased a little later. Copper touched \$3,173, below an early December record of \$3,200. But in sterling terms it hit an all-time peak of 21,765 a tonne. Nickel hit \$17,800 against a 19,000 record last March. "Given the pick-up in (zinc) demand in the New Year, it was likely we would see high prices," said Peter Kettle, manager of zinc research at the Commodity Research Unit. Driving copper higher were continuing strong industrial demand and dwindling stocks, while overnight news from Peru of explosion damage to transport at Centromin's La Oroya refinery boosted an already firm market. Nickel is buoyant on buying by steel mills which have stepped up production to meet demand created by an expanding world economy. Zinc has led the latest surge in base metal prices.

Metals analyst Robin Bhar at brokers Rudolf Wolff and Co said rising price trend anticipated strong demand in the first half of 1989. Stocks are low and supply lags the demand so prices could go higher, Bhar said. Construction accounts for about half world zinc demand and a mild northern hemisphere winter will probably mean that building activity in January and February will be better than expected.

Oil refinery achievements

RIYADH, Jan 4. (OPECNA): A senior Saudi oil official, highlighting the achievements of the Yanbu oil refinery, said yesterday that the unit had completed 12 million working hours without loss of time in accidents. At an exhibition sponsored by the Saudi national oil company, Petromin, to celebrate the industrial security week, the refinery's managing director, Yahya Abd Karim Al Zaid, said that the achievements of the refinery were recognised internationally by specialised agencies and organisations. He said the refinery had received a gold medal for occupational safety from the British Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents for achieving 10.50 million manhours without accident in 1988. He added that the refinery had also received an award of honour from the American National Safety Council for completing 8.50 million manhours without loss of time in accidents in 1987. The \$1.60 billion facility, with a capacity of 170,000 BPD, has been operational since 1983.

Mercedes-Benz pays \$20.2m fine

WASHINGTON, Jan 4. (AP): Mercedes-Benz paid a record \$20.2-million fine on Friday for failing to meet the government's fuel economy standard for its 1986 model luxury automobiles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said. It was the biggest fine the government had ever collected for gas-guzzling cars. Agency spokesman Tim Hurd said the German manufacturer's 1986 models averaged 21.3 miles per gallon (34.3 kilometres per 3.8 litres) compared with the government standard of 26 miles per gallon (41.8 miles per 3.8 litres). Mercedes may be liable for an additional \$5.5 million for the 1985 model year under a preliminary decision by an administrative law judge, Hurd said. The company is allowed to appeal that ruling. In the 1985 model year, the requirement was 27.5 (44.3) and Mercedes cars averaged 23.6 (38).

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ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 5-6, 1989

LONDON
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NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	295.0	290.0	280.0
ADT LTD	17.65	17.65	17.65
ALD LYONS	439.0	439.0	439.0
AMSTRAN	171.0	170.0	170.0
ARYGLP GP	174.0	174.0	174.0
ASDA GP	133.0	133.0	133.0
BAA	64.26	64.26	64.26
BTC	299.0	299.0	299.0
BAT IND	451.0	451.0	451.0
BARCLAYS	404.0	404.0	404.0
BASS	800.0	800.0	800.0
BEAVER	177.0	177.0	177.0
BECHEAMS	468.0	468.0	468.0
BENIFORD	405.0	405.0	405.0
BICC PLC	388.0	388.0	388.0
BLUE ARR	65.50	65.50	65.50
BLUE CIRC	424.0	424.0	424.0
BOC GP	421.0	421.0	421.0
BOOTS CO	230.0	230.0	230.0
BPS IND	225.0	225.0	225.0
BR COMM	209.0	209.0	209.0
BR AIRW	153.5	153.5	153.5
BR AEROSP	423.0	423.0	423.0
BR GAS RE	157.0	157.0	157.0
BR GAS RT	157.0	157.0	157.0
BR LAND	335.0	335.0	335.0
B.P.	250.4	250.4	250.4
B.P.-PP	148.0	148.0	148.0
BR STEEL	60.4	60.4	60.4
BURNHAR DL	490.0	490.0	490.0
BURTON	168.4	168.4	168.4
CABLESHIR	371.0	371.0	371.0
CABDURS	338.0	338.0	338.0
CALOR GRP	365.0	365.0	365.0
CRILTH COR	667.0	667.0	667.0
CRILTH R T	660.0	660.0	660.0
COOKSONS	261.0	261.0	261.0
COURTAULD	266.0	266.0	266.0
DALGETY	306.5	306.5	306.5
DIXONS	136.0	136.0	136.0
ENG CHINA	457.0	457.0	457.0
ENTER OIL	459.0	459.0	459.0
FKI BABIK	20.87	20.87	20.87
FERRANTI	98.0	98.0	98.0
FISONS	236.0	236.0	236.0
GATEWAY	159.0	159.0	159.0
GEN ACCID	862.0	862.0	862.0
GEN ELC	191.0	191.0	191.0
GLAXO	668.0	668.0	668.0
GRANADA	321.0	321.0	321.0
GLOBE	138.5	138.5	138.5
GLYNNEW	269.0	269.0	269.0
GUARD RYL	190.0	190.0	190.0
GKN	300.0	300.0	300.0
GUINNESS	534.0	534.0	534.0
HARPER A	897.0	897.0	897.0
HANSON	156.0	156.0	156.0
HARRIS C	458.0	458.0	458.0
HICER SID	541.0	541.0	541.0
HILLSDOWN	235.0	235.0	235.0
ICI	625.0	625.0	625.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1459.8	1447.8	1455.3	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1002.8	1008.2	1008.8	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	921.22	921.22	926.59	926.59
FT GOV SEC	86.80	86.85	87.03	87.03
FT GOLD MN	162.1	160.7	161.9	161.9
FT MINES F	561.50	561.50	565.31	565.31
FT OIL	1725.7	1725.7	1725.4	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	140.22	139.64	139.21	139.21
FT WLD STG	114.03	114.44	115.30	115.30

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES CLOSING NEAR HIGHS AFTER WALL ST SURGE			
LONDON, JAN 4, REUTER - SHARES WERE BACK NEAR THE HIGHS ON THE DAY IN MODERATE LATE BUSINESS, BOOSTED BY WALL STREET'S EARLY ADVANCE AND THE DOLLAR'S RISE AFTER NEWS U.S. PLANES DOWNED TWO LIBYAN AIRCRAFT OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN, DEALERS SAID.			
A FEATURE WAS UNITED BISCUITS, UP 320 OR 11 PCT FROM TUESDAY'S CLOSING TO 318P ON TURNOVER OF 12.3 MILLION SHARES BY 1601 GRT. DEALERS CITED SPECULATION THAT SWISS INTERESTS MIGHT WANT TO BUILD A STAKE.			
BY 1603 GRT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS UP 8.5 POINTS TO 1,791.3. THE DAY'S HIGH OF 1,791.7 WAS REACHED AT 1103 GRT.			
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DEALERS AND ANALYSTS THIS MORNING SAID SPECULATION JACOBS SUCHARD OF SWITZERLAND MIGHT WANT TO BUILD A STAKE IN UNITED BISCUITS CAUSED MUCH OF THE INTEREST IN UNITED SHARES.			
SUCHARD DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE SPECULATION. BY THE AFTERNOON THE SHARES HAD CONTINUED TO CLIMB ON FRESH TALK THAT NESTLE, WHICH BEAT SUCHARD IN A 2.6 BILLION STG BID FOR ROMNTREE LAST YEAR, MIGHT ALSO BE CASTING A PREDATORY EYE AT UNITED.			

London Gold

LONDON, JAN 4, REUTER - GOLD BULLION HELD ABOVE SESSION Lows BY THE CLOSE, ALTHOUGH LOWER PRICES IN NEW YORK KEPT THE MARKET BELOW YESTERDAY'S LEVELS, DEALERS SAID.			
GOLD CLOSED AT 409.50/410.00 DLRs AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 411.50/412.00 AND 412.00/412.50 DLRs RESPECTIVELY.			
NEWS THAT U.S. JETS SHOT DOWN TWO LIBYAN FIGHTERS FAILED TO PROVIDE MORE THAN A BRIEF RISE IN GOLD PRICES, WITH THE MARKET UNDER PRESSURE THIS AFTERNOON FROM A STEADIER DOLLAR AND SOFTER COMEX VALUES. GOLD DIPPED TO AROUND 407.25 DLRs AT ONE POINT, BEFORE EDGING BACK ABOVE THE 408 DLR CHART LEVEL.			

London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 4, REUTER - U.K. MONEY MARKET RATES FINISHED WITH A SOFTER BIAS AFTER A MIXED AND DIRECTIONLESS DAY WITH FEW NEW FACTORS TO ENLIVEN A THIN MARKET, DEALERS SAID.			
THEY ADDED THE MARKET IS LIKELY TO BE TREADING WATER UNTIL THE NEXT MAJOR INDICATORS ON INFLATION IN TWO WEEKS, WHICH COULD GIVE SOME CLUES ON THE NEXT DIRECTION FOR RATES.			
IN THE MEANTIME, ANY BULLISH SENTIMENT WILL BE QUICKLY SHUFFLED OUT, SAID ONE DEALER. "IT'LL BE A FOOLISH MAN WHO TAKES THIS MARKET MUCH EASIER," HE ADDED.			
THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE CLOSED AT 13.3/16 1/8 PCT COMPARED WITH 13.1/4 3/16 PCT LAST NIGHT.			

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR
1.8170/80	1.8100/10	1.7875/85	6.0925/75
-----	-----	3.221/255	11.0020/135
DKR 1.7743/7823	3.221/255	-----	29.195/355
FFR 6.079/091	11.3075/0455	341.25/89	-----
SFR 1.5095/5105	84.91/85.02	24.86/88	1300
NFL 2.0105	3.6475	112.885	33.05
ECU 1.16792	0.643835	2.08076	7.10577
SDR 1.35305	0.741275	2.38407	8.14401
YEN 124.55/65	225.58/90	-----	MON
SDR RATE	03/01/1989	OTHERS	04/01/1989

LONDON
(LONDON STOCKS)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BOOT HENR	372.0	373.0
BORTHWICK	48.0	48.0
BR ARROW	105.0	105.0
BR ASSETS	69.0	69.0
BR DREDGI	132.0	132.0
BR VITA	207.0	207.0
BRENT CHM	123.0	122.0
BRENT WCR	319.0	318.0
BRIDON	181.0	181.0
BRITAIN SE	162.0	163.0
BRITANNIC	320.0	319.0
BRITON W.D.V.	418.0	418.0

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 5-6, 1989

International Bond Highlights

LONDON — Security Pacific Hoare Govett (Holdings) Ltd said it is withdrawing from market making in gilts, Eurobonds and Japanese equities and warrants, shedding 140 jobs. (XKTF 0945)
Frankfurt — Eurofins is issuing a 300 mln mark 10-year Eurobond with a 6-1/4 pct coupon priced at 101.50, lead manager Deutsche Bank AG said. (XKTF 1022)
London — Trafigura House PLC is issuing a 100 mln stg Eurobond due Sept 30, 2014 paying 10-7/8 pct, lead manager Kleinwort Benson Ltd said. It will be priced to yield 170 basis points over the nine pct UK government bond due 2008, sole manager Warburg Securities said. (XKTF 0916)
London — Granada Group Plc is issuing a 75 mln stg Eurobond due Jan 11, 1990 which will be priced to yield 170 basis points over the nine pct UK government bond due 2008, sole manager Warburg Securities said. (XKTF 0916)
London — Ford Motor Credit Company is issuing a 100 mln ECU four year Eurobond paying 7-7/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Hambros Capital Markets said. (XKTF 1524)
Tokyo — The Export-Import Bank of Japan is planning an unfunded loan to Hungary for economic projects, the bank's spokesman said. It would be the first official Japanese loan to an East European country. (XKTE 0829)
London — The State Bank of South Australia is issuing a 75 mln Australian dollar three-year Eurobond paying 15-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Hambros Bank Ltd said. The amount was increased from an earlier 50 mln dollars. (XKCA 1405)

Interest-Rate Tables

Interest-Rate Tables

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
DNM	13 12-7/8	13 12-15/16	13-3/16 1/8
FFT	5.35/40	5.35/45	5.40/50
PAR	8-3/8 1/2	8-1/2 5/8	8-1/2 5/8
ZUR	4-5/8 4-5/8	4-5/8 4-7/8	4-7/8 5-1/8
BRX	5.00	7-3/8 7/16	7-1/2 9/16
RON	11-1/8 11-5/8	11-1/2 12	11-5/8 12-1/8
ANS	4.12/25	5.62/72	5.75/85
TKD	4.0625 1250	4.5000 5625	4.5625 6250
ECU	7.68 7.93	7.93 8.06	8.12 8.25

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	80	79.50	76	NICO	--	587.50	595
ACC	45	46	44	GRASIM	55.50	55.25	57	NURKAND	95	93
ASIA PAINT	57.50	52.50	57.50	GSFC	148.75	148.75	146.25	OKRAY	27.50	48.50
BAJAJ AUTO	26	26	24.75	HIND LEVER	73.75	73.50	80.25	NOCIL	67	69
BAR. RAYON	145.25	143.75	140	HINDALCO	157.50	162	158	PEICO	26.50	27.50
BON. DYEING	57	56.75	55	HINDCOCA	107.50	107.50	105	PRE-AUTO	48.25	27.50
BR. BOND	145	145	141.25	HINDMOTOR	29	28.75	27.75	RAYMOND	69	143
BSE INDEX	666.26	666.26	670.25	JMD ORG	45	42.50	40.50	RELIANCE	147	153
CENTURYSPG	80.25	80	78.50	INDRAYON	82	80	80	SIEMENS	93	85
COLGATE	41	40.50	38.50	INDROL	245	240	235	SPIC	56.25	56
DEEPAKERT	46	46	45	ITC	48	47.50	49	STHILLIS	270	270
ETI. ROTEL	56	55	57.50	JKSYNT	83.50	81.50	83	TATA PUR	390	380
ESKAYER	146.25	147.50	145	L AND T	124	124	120	TATACHEM	109	110
ESSAR	29	27	26	MAHINDRA	91	92	88	TELCO	706.25	705
GAR. POLY	103.75	102.50	102.50	MASTERSHR	18.37	17.75	17.25	TISCO	1092.5	1087
GE.SHIP	40.50	41.50	41	MATHER PL	66.25	63.75	66.25	VOLTAS	490	470

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TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUBI CP	1360	1330	MITSUBI EL	1010	1000	MITSUBI HVY	1000	1000
AEG	203.0	204.5	AIJINOMOTO	2960	3000	2700	MITSUB EST	2700	2650	MITSUBI HVY	1000	1000
ALLIANZ VR	1952.0	1945.0	AKAI ELEC	650	638	620	MITSU CO	1010	979	MITSU CO	1010	979
BAUDERMARK	180.0	180.5	ASAHI GLS	2040	2040	2140	MITSUKOSHI	2170	2140	MITSUKOSHI	2170	2140
BASF	287.8	286.6	ASAHI OPT	693	670	690	MITSUME EL	999	1000	MITSUME EL	999	1000
BAYER HYP	311.5	311.8	BANK TOKYO	1710	1700	1700	MICHICON	1280	1250	MICHICON	1280	1250
BAYER VER	369.0	368.0	BRIDGESTON	1380	1360	1360	NIHON CHNT	980	980	NIHON CHNT	980	980
BBC	349.5	348.0	CANON	1460	1490	1450	NIKKO SEC	1850	1870	NIKKO SEC	1850	1870
BHF	419.5	418.0	CASIO COMP	1360	1350	1350	NIP ELECT	1980	1980	NIP ELECT	1980	1980
CMW	542.0	532.0	CHIQUAT PIM	1480	1490	1490	NIP KOKKAN	921	940	NIP KOKKAN	921	940
COMMERZB	239.0	238.0	CITIZEN M	872	875	875	NIP OIL	1450	1460	NIP OIL	1450	1460
CONTI. GUNN	279.0	274.6	D-ICHI KAN	3370	3380	3380	NIP STEEL	870	870	NIP STEEL	870	870
DAIMER BEN	765.0	767.00	DAI NIP IT	914	909	909	NIP YUSEN	875	868	NIP YUSEN	875	868
DEUTSC. BNC	575.8	573.5	DAI NIP IC	2730	2710	2710	NISS MOTOR	1270	1200	NISS MOTOR	1270	1200
DLW	460.0	458.0	DAI NIP IC	990	985	985	NONURA SEC	3770	3730	NONURA SEC	3770	3730
DRESDNER B	319.0	319.20	DAI NIP IC	874	880	880	ONDA CO	910	885	ONDA CO	910	885
DT BABCOCK	159.0	158.5	DAICEL	816	815	815	OLYMPUS	1100	1100	OLYMPUS	1100	1100
FAZ INDEX	566.17	567.00	DAIWA H	2000	1980	1980	PENTA OCN	1000	1020	PENTA OCN	1000	1020
FELDMUEHL	286.0	278.5	DAIWA SEC	2440	2440	2440	PIONEER	3400	3440	PIONEER	3400	3440
GOLDSCHEID	357.0	350.0	EBRA MFG	1170	1120	1120	REMON	950	935	REMON	950	935
HARPENER	426.0	425.0	EISAI	2130	2090	2090	RICON	1180	1220	RICON	1180	1220
HOECHST AG	310.7	312.5	FUJITSU	1510	1510	1510	SAKYO	2270	2260	SAKYO	2270	2260
HOSCH	191.0	191.8	FUJI BANK	3670	3690	3690	SAKYO ELEC	765	750	SAKYO ELEC	765	750
HORTEN	212.0	210.0	FUJI PHOTO	3570	3570	3570	SEIYU ST	2080	2090	SEIYU ST	2080	2090
HUSSEL HLD	443.8	440.0	FUJISAMA	1740	1750	1750	SEKISUI PB	1900	1900	SEKISUI PB	1900	1900
KALI SALZ	173.0	175.0	FUJITTA CP	924	931	931	SHARP	1130	1120	SHARP	1130	1120
KAUFHOF	379.0	380.0	HITACHI	1570	1570	1570	SHISEIDO	1610	1640	SHISEIDO	1610	1640
KLOECK H	135.5	137.2	HITACHI	2050	2030	2030	SONY	7100	7170	SONY	7100	7170
KLOECK M	119.5	120.0	ISETAN	2260	2230	2230	SUMITOMO	1290	1250	SUMITOMO	1290	1250
LINDE	778.0	783.0	JAP SYN RU	1080	1080	1080	TAISHO MRN	1410	1400	TAISHO MRN	1410	1400
LUFTHANSA	154.5	156.0	JAPAN AIR	16700	15800	15800	TAKEDA CH	2660	2650	TAKEDA CH	2660	2650
MAN	255.0	255.5	JAPAN MET	730	724	724	TEIJIN	800	798	TEIJIN	800	798
NAMNEHAN	214.0	214.2	KAJIMA	1860	1850	1850	TOKO NEW IX	375.30	357.03	TOK		

Hike in interest rates sends share prices lower

Gloomy forecast for Kuwait Stock Exchange

THE Kuwait Stock Exchange performance during 1989 appears to be gloomy although it will remain the centre of attraction and concern from various interested corners. Al Shall Economic Consultants said in its annual business review for 1988 and 1989. The report said that some of the companies trading in the stock market may find it difficult to solve problems. Solutions in the past few years were not enough to activate their assets.

The report predicted that there will be slow and sluggish trading in the stock market during 1989 compared to 1987 and 1988. Dealers pinned hopes on ceasefire in the Gulf war, splitting Kuwaiti companies shares and allowing companies to buy 10 per cent of their shares, have now disappeared.

Funds It said that investors would prefer to invest their funds in bank deposits, either in Kuwaiti dinar or in foreign currencies, because of the high interest rates and bigger returns compared to trading in shares. But it said that if Iraq and Iran arrive at an agreement to completely end the war, a positive effect is expected on the market.

The report also said that the government would continue to support the local commercial banks. It also predicted more Gulf companies will be dissolved or converted into Kuwaiti share-

holding companies after facing a setback in 1988.

The report said that a good progress was achieved in the economic role of the Kuwait Stock Market during the past year. But it said that a pressure was created on the already scarce monetary resources of the Kuwaiti companies and banks by urging it to buy 10 per cent of its shares in a bid to reactivate the market.

Value

The report added that the index of the Kuwaiti shares performance during 1988 ended with 41.21 points, a slight drop from that of 1987 which was 41.81 points.

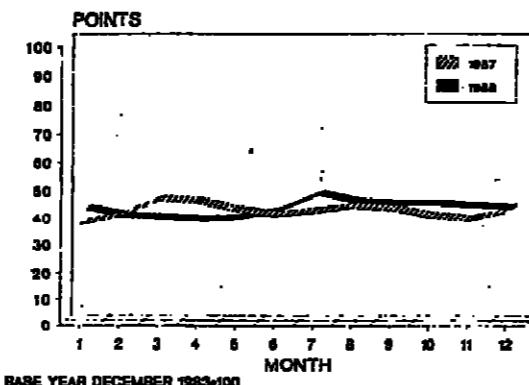
It said that investments in shares in Kuwait occupied a backward position in the investment priorities in the local market. The banking sector acquired most of the Kuwaiti share trading by 55.5 per cent of the quantity and 78.8 per cent of the value of Kuwaiti shares traded last year.

The report added that the Central Bank approval to buy 10 per cent of their shares in the market also gave new fillip to the market. It added that the declaration of ceasefire in the Gulf war boosted the prices of Kuwaiti shares by 16.7 per cent.

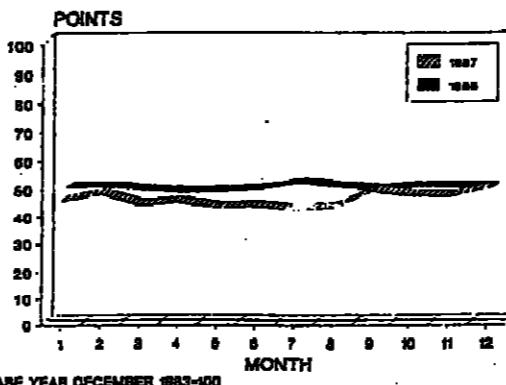
The hike in interest rate has adversely affected the share prices.

The report said that the market value of the Kuwaiti

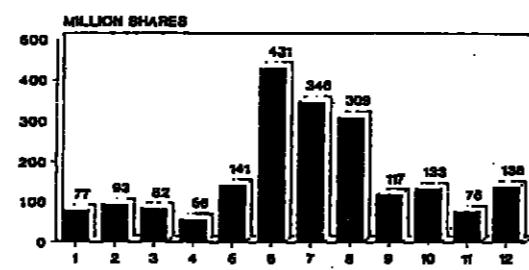
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AL-SHALL INDEX FOR GULF SHARES



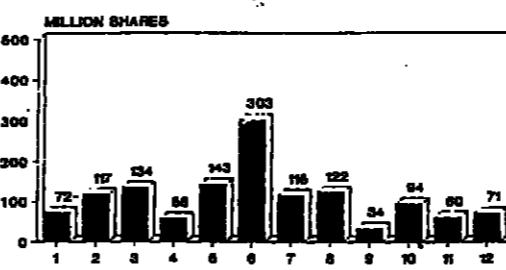
TRADED KUWAITI SHARES 1988



companies at the end of 1988 dropped by KD 240 million compared with its market value by the end of 1987. It said that the market value of these companies was KD 3,450 million by the end of 1987.

About the oil prices, the report said that if OPEC members stick to their recent agreement the oil prices will increase to around \$18 a barrel. But this will not be achieved in the beginning of the new year. The report added that

TRADED GULF SHARES 1988



Kuwait's financial position appears to be better compared to other oil producing countries. It said that public expenditure in Kuwait dropped from KD 3,660 million in '82/83 fiscal year to KD 3,090 million in '87/88.

North Sea oil prices rise

Dollar, gold jump and UK shares near highs

LONDON, Jan 4, (Reuter): Word from the Pentagon that US Navy fighters shot down two Libyan aircraft over the Mediterranean sent the dollar and gold higher today, currency dealers reported.

The dollar tends to attract investors in time of tension. It touched highs at 1.7850 West German marks and almost 125 yen in Europe but then eased slightly. It had closed in London yesterday at 1.7635 and 123.55.

Gold, the traditional investor haven, which had dipped to around \$408.50 an ounce at one point this morning, rose to \$411.50.

Gold trading was busy with Middle Eastern operators active.

Earlier, speculation that US interest rates were headed higher had also buoyed the dollar, after giving Wall Street a bad case of New Year blues.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude oil, finished 15 to 20 cents a barrel in the spot markets on the news from the Pentagon, traders reported.

Higher Earlier, the prospect that higher US interest rates might be needed to stop the robust US economy from overheating had been the main market factor.

Higher interest rates would make many interest-bearing dollar assets a better buy. But they would also tend to siphon funds out of shares and might also crimp business profits,

hence a fall of 23.93 points to 2,144.64 yesterday on the New York Stock Market's Dow Jones Industrial Average.

Tokyo's Stock Market, however, celebrated its first 1989 trading day by taking its Nikkei 225-share average to a record close at 30,243.66 points, an 84.66-point gain in a half-day session.

Quiet

"New York was quite weak but people are not panicking here," said Craig Chudler, strategist with broker Smith New Court in Tokyo. "People expect the yen to remain quite strong and thus interest rates here to remain stable."

But even in Tokyo, brokers said some investors might be cautious until US employment figures are issued on Friday which will be a clue to how fast the US economy actually is growing.

In Asia, Sydney had a dull day. The Australian All-Ordinaries index ended down 9.3 at 1,470.7.

But Hong Kong's Hang Seng index closed at its best since last July 15, up 30.14 to 2,736.83 points. Brokers cited good local buying.

A feature was United Biscuits, up 32p or 11 per cent from yesterday's closing to 318p on turnover of 12.3 million shares by 1601 GMT. Dealers cited speculation that Swiss interests might want to build a stake.

By 1603 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 8.5 points to 1,791.3. The day's high of 1,791.7 was reached at 1103 GMT.

Tensions

Dealers said that would-be speculators on a firmer dollar were made cautious about buying by the threat of intervention to cap the advance by the Bundesbank. West Germany's central bank, concerned to stabilise exchange rates, sold about \$21 million in Frankfurt.

In London shares were back near the highs on the day in moderate late business, boosted by Wall Street's early advance

and the dollar's rise after news US planes downed two Libyan aircraft over the Mediterranean, dealers said.

A feature was United Biscuits, up 32p or 11 per cent from yesterday's closing to 318p on turnover of 12.3 million shares by 1601 GMT. Dealers cited speculation that Swiss interests might want to build a stake.

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Dealers and analysts this morning said speculation Jacob Suchard of Switzerland might want to build a stake in or bid for United Biscuits caused much of the interest in United shares.

New rules to regulate world coffee exports

LONDON, Jan 4, (AP): The International Coffee Organisation's new rules for regulating world exports and prices of coffee are due to take effect today.

Under the new control regime in effect until September, the 1988-89 (October-September) global export quota will be cut if the ICO's indicator of the average world market price drops below a pre-agreed level.

If the ICO indicator price drops to \$1.20 a pound or less, the current quota of 58 million bags will be cut by 1 million bags. Each bag equals 132 pounds (60 kilos).

Price The ICO reported yesterday that its indicator for Dec 30, the last trading day of 1988 — was \$1,2704 a pound.

Traders said this was its highest level in about two years and that the indicator price available today for Jan 3 — the first trading day of 1989 — was certain to be above the critical 1.20 level.

The new ICO regime allows for further automatic reductions to be triggered in the export quota by price movements if the first cut takes place and fails to lift the indicator back above 1.20 — the target minimum agreed for 1988-89.

The quota, however, cannot be reduced below 53 million bags.

The new rules also allow automatic quota increases from today, with the first of one million bags automatically triggered if the indicator price rises to \$1.40, the group's target maximum price, or more between now and Sept 30.

The quota can be raised up to a maximum of 63 million bags to defend this price ceiling.

Cuts or increases will be applied to quotas of ICO exporting members according to a complex formula.

The ICO administers the coffee price-stabilisation treaty signed by 24 Western importing countries and 50 exporters accounting for 99 per cent of world production.

IDB move to enhance technical co-operation

JEDDAH, Jan 4, (KUNA): Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has been doing its best to push the wheel of economic and social development in the Islamic countries, the Saudi news agency reported.

From 1976 to 1988 the IDB allocated about \$8 billion for financial foreign trade operation as well as support of development projects in the member states.

In 1988 the IDB allocated \$222 million for financing development projects in the member states and \$589 million for financing foreign trade operations.

Co-operation Meanwhile, the IDB has been implementing a technical co-operation programme among the member states. The programme, which aims at

enhancing technical co-operation among the Islamic countries, covers training courses, seminars, field visits to the industrial areas in the member states as well as co-operation with the concerned authorities like the UN's Industrial Development Programme.

Funds

The IDB, which gives a special attention to the less developed member states, has established an emergency programme with an allocation of \$60 million for support of agriculture, irrigation and animal resources projects in the African Sahel countries and Sudan.

Meanwhile, the IDB extends long-term loans and technical assistance to the less developed member states so as to help them

implement infrastructure programmes in the member states.

Also the IDB, in collaboration with the Saudi Industrial Development Fund and other similar funds, extends support to the development projects in these countries.

Moreover, the IDB is keen to enhance commercial exchange among the member states.

In collaboration with the permanent Committee for Economic and Commercial Co-operation among the OIC's member states, the IDB has set a programme for financing commercial exchange activities among the member states.

On the other hand, in collaboration with 20 Islamic banks, the IDB has established a fund to support foreign trade operations and development

programmes in the member states.

To extend further services to its member states, the IDB has made links with the national, regional and international banks and establishments for boosting the financial programmes, exchange of technical data, conducting of researches, and exploiting of the available resources.

Resolution

In 1979 the IDB established the Islamic Institute for Researches and Training in the line of the resolution adopted by the council of the IDB's government at its meeting held in March 14, 1979. The institute conducts the required researches on the economic financial and banking activities in the member states.

The new labour office statistics showed the jobless rate declining in December to 8.5 per cent from 9.2 per cent in the same month of 1987. But it attributed the decrease to unusually mild weather last month.

West Germany's persistently high unemployment, which broke through the two million mark in 1982 to hit a peak of 2.35 million in 1983, has prompted calls for special measures.

Peter Ott, Frankfurt-based economist for Citibank AG, saw the unemployment rate rising again this year in the world's third biggest economy.

Unrealistic "A rate of over nine per cent for 1989 doesn't seem unrealistic," he said.

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Heinrich Franke, Federal Labour Office president, said yesterday that Bonn should start an investment programme in West German cities to employ people in the construction industry.

"Not enough jobs are created from economic growth," he said.

Isuzu N series truck production passes 2m mark



An Isuzu Motors N series truck rolls off the assembly line at their Fujisawa factory in Japan. It was the 2,000,000th vehicle produced at the plant.

widely imitated.

The N series has held the top share of the Japan domestic market for the past 19 consecutive years. At present, Isuzu exports approximately 8,000 units annually to the United States, and, with the exception of

pickup trucks, holds the overwhelming share of US truck imports from Japan.

With the addition of its new low cargo bed model expected to result in expanded user demand, Isuzu has raised its US sales goals to 15,000 units annually by 1990.

Isuzu, currently ranked ahead of Daimler-Benz and General Motors as the world's largest manufacturer of medium-duty trucks, also stands as the world's top firm in terms of total production of industrial and commercial vehicles.

Kuwait will not change investment strategy: KIO

LONDON, Jan 4, (Reuter): The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) said today that its experience with British Petroleum Co PLC (BP) shares over the past 15 months would not force a change of its investment strategy.

KIO said in London yesterday when the deal was announced that it would make a gross profit of about 16 pence (29 cents) a share on the sale, a total of \$126.4 million (\$231 million) in the half-day session.

syndicate trading dominated another lacklustre day for Australian stocks in a market hampered by the poor performance of futures contracts. The All Ordinaries index fell 0.3 to 1,470.7.

TOKYO: Bullish sentiment for 1989 boosted a wide range of prices. The Nikkei index closed at a record 30,243.66, up 84.66, in the half-day session.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed at their highest levels since July 1988, with the Hang Seng index up 30.14 to 2,733.83.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed slightly lower after fluctuating narrowly in quiet trading. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 3.54 to 1,030.69.

BOMBAY: Prices fell on a statement by the oil firm that the budget for 1989/90 to be presented next month might not offer incentives to investors.

FRANKFURT: Shares nosedived on news that US fighters downed two Libyan jets, knocking prices off post-crash highs. The Dax index closed up 5.75 at 1,365.08.

ZURICH: Prices closed steadily in selective trading, with interest centred on bearer shares and participation certificates. The Swiss Index fell 0.2 to 954.5.

LONDON: Shares were back near the day's high in moderate late business, boosted by Wall Street's early advance and the dollar's rise despite news that US planes down

Dear Junior Readers,

The holiday season is over and I'm sure that most of you are glad to be back in school, amongst your classmates and friends.

Look around ... perhaps there are some new faces in your class or on the bus. Why not try and make these newcomers feel at home and part of the crowd?

Think of the time when you were in a place full of strangers ... remember how you felt when everyone else knew each other and you were the odd one out.

Just a friendly greeting, a smile and a few pleasantries won't cost you much but it will mean a lot to the newcomer.

Have a happy school term.

Aunty Ghazala

Birthday greetings!



Summer of Palo Alto, California celebrated her ninth birthday on January 4. Best wishes from her three aunts and cousins Omar, Sahar, Amal, Suleyman and Waqar in Kuwait.



Asifa was one year old on 4th January 89. Best wishes from her parents.

Answers to Tuesday's crossword
Across: 1 Ditch; 4 Cater; 7 Prowler; 8 Now; 9 Lith; 10 Crew; 12 Tub; 14 Dad; 16 Actor; 19 Tim; 20 Bollard; 21 Chose; 22 Thuny.
Down: 1 Dappled; 2 Trout; 3 Helmet; 4 Curt; 5 Tens; 6 Raw; 11 Wordly; 13 Ballet; 15 Ding; 17 Train; 18 Oboe; 19 Tic.

Did you know?

The last British king to take part in a battle was George II at the Battle of Dettingen in 1743.

Anna Karenina, heroine of Leo Tolstoy's book, died in a railway station. In 1910 Tolstoy himself died in a railway station.

State Treasurer of Texas in the 1930s was 3-foot 9-inch midget.

In Killarney, Ireland, at the Eagle's Nest Cave, you will be told if you sound a bugle note there you will hear it repeated at least hundred times.

The Portuguese Man-o'-War (jelly-fish) is not one single animal but a colony of small animals.

Between 1500 and 1600 the stock of precious metals in Europe trebled.

The diprotodon (or giant wombat) lived in Australia 500,000 years ago in large numbers. It was the same size as a rhinoceros.

In Norway many cottages have grass roofs.

The first occasion when a flag was flown at half-mast as a mark of respect for the dead was in 1612. It was lowered to half-mast when the captain of a ship had been killed by Eskimos.

Man-made satellites were first suggested by Sir Isaac Newton in a work published in 1687.

In India in 1970 there was a school in the Jamma district with one pupil and one teacher.

A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.

Louis Braille who invented a system of reading for the blind, developed it from messages used by French troops who punched marks in paper so they could be read at night without the use of light.

When the Palace of Versailles was built there were no bathrooms or lavatories in the whole of the building.

By G.E. Whittle

PIXIE What's-his-name lived in the middle of Bluebell Wood. No one knew his real name, because he was so forgetful he could never remember what it was himself. All the pixies and fairies called him What's-his-name. And where did he live? When he could remember he lived most of the time in the big toadstool next door to Pixie Muffin, so called because of the lovely muffins he made every day to sell in his baker's shop.

One day Pixie Muffin needed some help and he called next door to see if What's-his-name was at home. He was pleased to find him there.

The forgetful pixie

"Ha, there you are," said Pixie Muffin, "I wonder if you could help me today? I am very busy and I promised to deliver two bags of muffins to the Post Office. Old Ben the postman is then going to take them for me to Martha the witch, when he takes the letters."

"Yes, I will take the muffins for you — who did you say wanted them?" replied What's-his-name.

"The Post Office, can you remember the Post Office?" said Pixie Muffin. He didn't really like to trust What's-his-name with the muffins... but there was no one else to ask. Everyone was busy. What's-his-name should have been busy too.

only he couldn't remember what he should have been doing.

Time after time Pixie Muffin repeated, "The Post Office, the Post Office — sure you can remember the Post Office."

"Of course I can," replied What's-his-name, running off with the muffins and hoping he would be able to remember where he had to take them.

When he was halfway there, however, he came across a group of fairies, all chattering and jumping around. One little fairy had fallen down a rabbit hole and no one could reach her to pull her out.

"Oh, What's-his-name, do help us, we can't reach Tiny Bell and we think she might be hurt," they cried.

"Yes, I'll help," said the forgetful pixie. "I've nothing else to do," he said forgetting already that he

was on his way to deliver muffins to the Post Office. He put the muffins down on the grass and set about helping Tiny Bell to get out of the rabbit hole. This was easy enough. He took off his belt, which was made of plaited grass and, fastening one end around his wrist, he dropped the other end down the hole. Tiny Bell bung on tightly and was slowly pulled up to safety.

"Thank you very much, What's-his-name," she said, "you have saved my life. I shall do a good deed for you one day in return."

"It's a pleasure," said What's-his-name. "Now, what was I doing — where have the muffins come from?" he asked himself.

"Who put them there? Someone must have left them. I'd better pick them up."

This he did and, thinking it must be nearly tea-time, he decided to make his way over to Minnie Mouse's Tea Rooms and have a cup of tea.

Close by the tea rooms was a post-box. Looking at the post-box reminded What's-his-name of something, but what was it?

"Post-box, post-box!" he said. "Oh yes, I remember now I've got to post the muffins."

But try as he did he could not get the muffins into the letterbox. Then he saw they had no name and address on. "I can't post these with no name on," he thought to



himself. "That can't be right."

And then he remembered: not the post-box, the post OFFICE. Of course, he thought, oh, I wish I was not so forgetful.

Off he rushed to the Post Office, only to find it was closed! "Oh dear, I've taken so long to get here, I've missed Ben the postman. Now the office is closed. I remember, the muffins are for Martha the witch — I shall just have to climb the hill and take them myself. I hope she won't be cross and turn me into a frog or something."

What's-his-name set off to deliver the muffins to the witch. It was a long way up the hill, or was it down the

hill? He just could not remember. Well, he thought, I shall have to ask someone along the way.

The first person he met was Willie Woodpecker. "Hello," called Willie.

"Where are you going?"

"Just walking," replied What's-his-name, who had again forgotten where he was going.

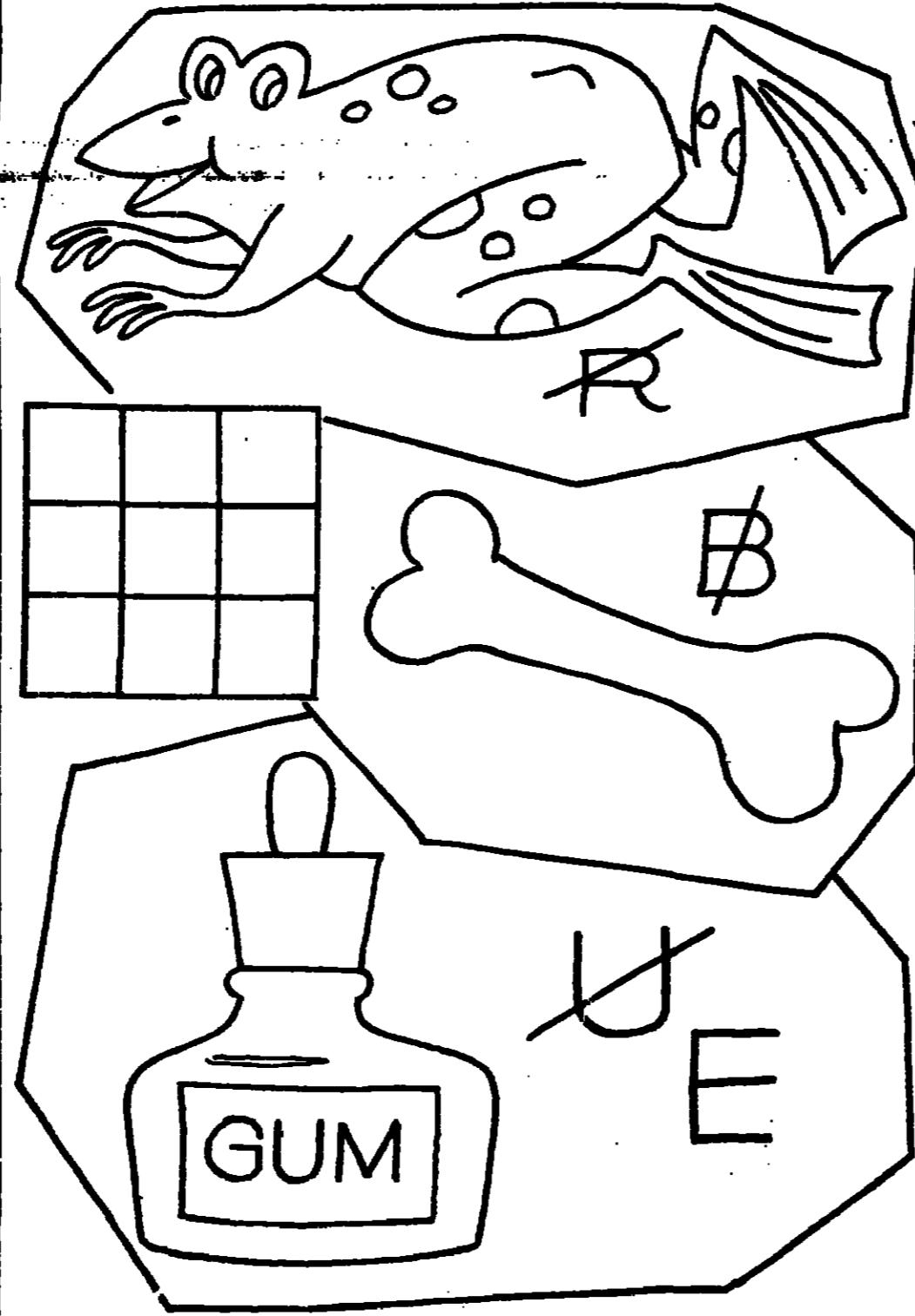
"You had better watch your step," said Willie, "the witch is around, and on the look out for something — it could be a pixie!"

"Yes, that's it," thought the pixie: the witch, the muffins. "It's Ben the postman she's looking for. I must find her and give her the muffins."

Continued on Tuesday



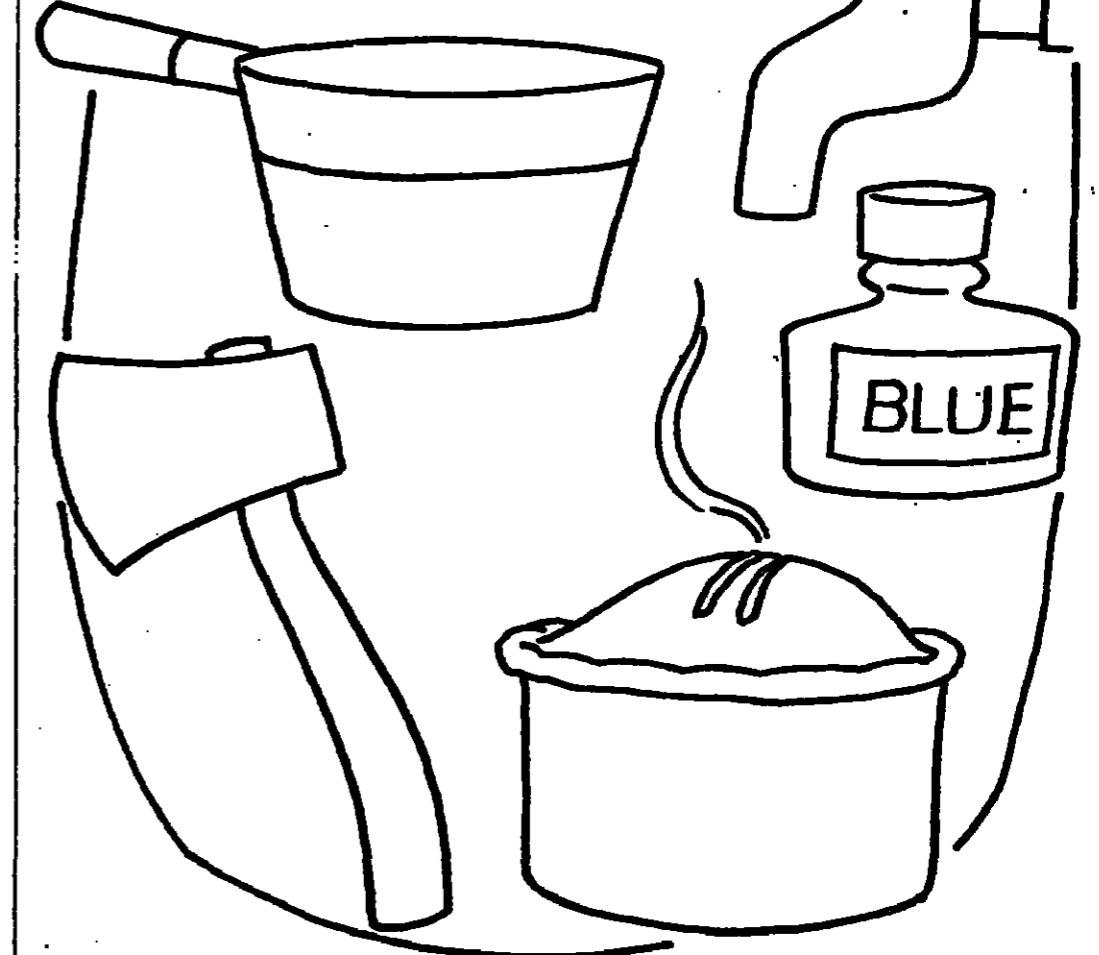
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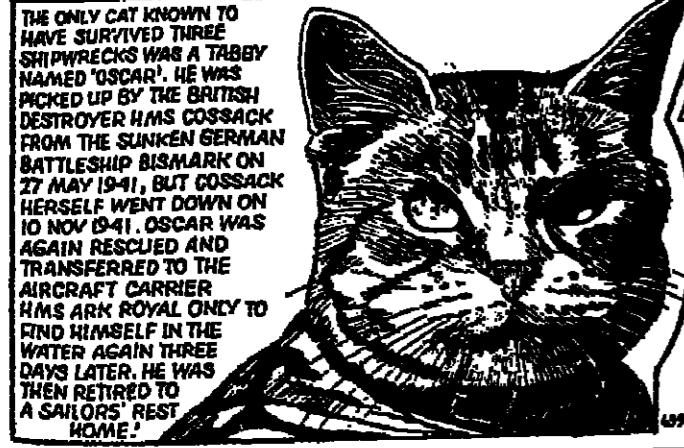
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Fit the names of the objects inside the squares to make five more words.

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



ALTHOUGH RARE, 'WINGED' CATS HAVE BEEN REPORTED OVER THE YEARS. THE AFFLICTED CAT HAS NO CONTROL OVER ITS WINGS AND THEY CERTAINLY CANNOT BE USED FOR FLIGHT AS SOME PEOPLE HAVE CLAIMED!

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Knicks outlast Celtics

NEW YORK, Jan 4. (AP): Patrick Ewing's 10-foot bank shot with 25 seconds left in overtime snatched a tie and led the New York Knicks to a 109-107 victory over the Boston Celtics yesterday.

The Knicks broke a three-game losing streak, their longest of the season and extended their winning streak at home to 10.

Ewing's shot gave the Knicks a 106-106 lead. Kevin McHale and Gerald Wilkins traded free throws before McHale was called for an offensive foul, giving the ball to the Knicks, who won the clock.

Charles Oakley led New York with 21 points and 18 rebounds, legal Lewis topped the Celtics with 20 points.

In other National Basketball Association games yesterday, the New York Nets defeated the Charlotte Hornets 109-106; Atlanta Whipped Detroit 123-104; Cleveland raced past the Indiana Pacers 119-98; Houston defeated Utah 104-102; San Antonio defeated Denver 129-105; Chicago beat the Los Angeles Clippers 126-121; Portland stomped over Miami 119-105; Sacramento defeated Dallas 123-106 and Seattle overcame the Los Angeles Lakers 116-106.

Net 106 Hornets 106

Joe Barry Carroll and Roy Johnson scored 22 points each to lead New Jersey over the Charlotte Hornets 109-106.

Hawks 123, Pistons 104

Moses Malone scored 28 points, grabbed 22 rebounds and was the catalyst in a 35-17 third-quarter run as Atlanta defeated the Detroit Pistons 123-104.

Cavaliers 119, Pacers 98

Brad Daugherty scored 29 points and Cleveland's defense allowed only fourth-quarter field goals as the Cavaliers beat the Indiana Pacers 119-98 for their third straight victory. The winning streak is the Cavaliers' longest in a single season.

Rockets 104, Jazz 102

Houston's Akeem Olajuwon scored 26 points and blocked five shots, including a crucial block at 1:07 to play, to lead the Rockets to a 104-102 victory over the Utah Jazz. Olajuwon's sky block came when he baited a shot by Thurl Bailey that could have tied the game at 102.

Bucks 128, Nuggets 105

Willie Anderson scored 24 points and David Greenwood had a season-high 23 points and 7 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Denver Nuggets 128-105, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Bulls 126, Clippers 121 OT

Michael Jordan had 41 points, 11 assists, 10 rebounds and six steals, but the Chicago Bulls needed seven points in overtime from reserve guard Craig Hodges to defeat the Los Angeles Clippers 126-121. The win was Chicago's sixth in its last eight contests, while the Clippers' road record dropped to 2-15.

Rail Blazers 118, Heat 95

Clyde Drexler scored 21 points, leading a balanced Portland attack as the Trail Blazers ended the Miami heat their fourth straight defeat, 118-95. It was Portland's eighth victory in 10 games.

Clips 123, Mavericks 96

Jim Petersen scored 15 of his season-high 25 points in the third quarter to lead Sacramento past Dallas 123-96 in Kings coach Jerry Reynolds' first game back after collapsing last week.

Lakers 116, Lakers 106

Xavier McDaniel scored six points in the final four minutes and Dale Ellis scored 42 points as the Seattle SuperSonics handed the Los Angeles Lakers their eighth straight road loss, 116-106.

Meanwhile, Michael "Air" Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to a 34-4 record in December, was named the National Basketball Association (NBA) Player of the Month yesterday.

Jordan, whose nickname comes from his spectacular leap, averaged 34.3 points, 6.6 rebounds, 5.2 assists and 3.2 steals per game during the month.

"He's a remarkable player," Bulls coach Doug Collins said. "This year, he's making all the players around him better and that is the true mark of a superstar."

Surfing meet

Honolulu, Jan 4. (AP): Neia Zamba of Florida won the Association of Surfing Professionals women's 1988 World tour title yesterday with earnings for a seventh place finish Tuesday in the \$25,000 Jimmy Beach sunwear women's tour.

Zamba won consecutive tournaments in 1984, 1984 and 1986 and finished third in 1987.

TANVIER UPSETS MANDLIKOVÁ

Sukova tames Dechaume



Sukova: reaches third round

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 4. (Reuters): Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova maintained her fine form of recent weeks to reach the third round of the Australian Women's Hardcourt Championship today.

The number one seed, who played a major role in her country's victory in the Federation and Hopman Cup team tournaments, swept past France's Alexia Dechaume 6-4 6-2.

Sukova, ranked eighth in the world, is chasing her second title here after winning in 1984.

Second seed Pascale Paradis of France was beaten in straight sets in the third round by Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands, leaving fourth seeded Australian Anne Minter favourite to reach the final from the bottom half of the draw.

Minter beat South African Dinky van Rensburg 6-4 7-6 to reach the quarterfinals.

Minter's new compatriot Hana Mandlikova served 18 double faults on her way to a straight sets defeat by the unseeded Catherine Tanvier of France.

Fifth-seeded Mandlikova, on the comeback trail after six months off with injury, blamed changes to her second serve for the 6-4 6-4 loss.

"If you're not 100 per cent confident with your second serve your whole game suffers," she

said. "I just need to work on it a little bit more."

Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden, seeded 10, will meet injured Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia in the third round after winning 10 games in a row to dispose of American Kathy Horvath 6-3 6-0.

"It was the best tennis I've played in a long time," Lindqvist said.

Novotna hurt her shoulder against Italy's Laura Golarska but managed to hold on despite the pain to win 7-5 6-1.

In a nightmare end to her singles career, veteran Australian Wendy Turnbull bowed out to 11th seeded American Gretchen Magers 6-0 6-0 in just 56 minutes.

Results

Second round:
Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) beat Alexia Dechaume (France) 6-4 6-2; Brenda Schultz (Netherlands) beat Pascale Paradis (France) 7-6 (7-4) 2-6 6-3; Anna Minter (Australia) beat Catarina Lindqvist (Sweden) 6-3 6-0; Dinky van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Carin Bakker (Netherlands) 6-2 6-4; Claudia Porwitz (West Germany) beat Eva Krupi (Switzerland) 6-1; Graeme Minter (Australia) beat Wendy Turnbull (Australia) 6-0 6-0; Brett Simpson (Canada) beat Eva Pfaff (West Germany) 6-1 7-5; Catherine Tanvier (France) beat Hana Mandlikova (Australia) 6-4 6-4.

Third round:
Schulz (Netherlands) beat Pascale Paradis (France) 7-5 6-4; Anne Minter (Australia) beat Van Rensburg 6-4 7-6 (7-0).

Duplessis KO's Foster in 9th round

NEW ORLEANS, Jan 4. (AP): Lightweight John Duplessis used a hard, accurate right hand last night to knock out Tunde Foster with one second remaining in the ninth round, handing the British native his first loss.

Duplessis was knocked down in the first round, but then came back and hit Foster eight times with a straight right in the second round and never eased up on the pressure.

Foster tried to hook and counterpunch, but could not pin down Duplessis, a quick, smooth boxer.

Duplessis was ranked No 11 by the World Boxing Council and the International Boxing Federation; Foster in a decision to Louis Lomelli June 10 in Chicago.

Unbeaten

Foster is a native of Manchester, England. He fought as an amateur in Europe and came to the United States to begin his professional career at 17. He has 14 knockouts. He went into last night's match unbeaten.

Foster had to lose 41.2 pounds (2 kilograms) yesterday to meet the contract weight of 137 pounds (62 kilograms) for the fight, and he weakened visibly as the bout wore on.

Duplessis said later of being knocked down in the first round: "It was tough fighting a southpaw. To be honest, I walked right into it. He didn't hurt me, but it shook me up a bit and I said, 'Hey, I'm fighting a southpaw.'

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Honeyghan: WBC welterweight champion

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NEW YORK, Jan 4. (Reuters):

Briton Lloyd Honeyghan, the World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight champion, and American Marlon Starling looked ready to begin their title fight at an elegant New York restaurant yesterday.

Honeyghan and Starling made no attempt to hide their mutual distaste for each other as they traded insults at a news conference to promote their fifth round.

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Regardless, Levy said the issue won't determine the winner Sunday.

"And they're slow coming off," he said. "You don't know who's coming off, a tight end or a receiver or a running back. We've felt they've had a lot of people on the field."

When asked whether he would employ a recently used tactic of having a player go down with an injury to stop the clock and allow for substitutions, Levy said, "not if they don't keep 12-13 men on the field."

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"It's what they do after the ball is snapped, not before the ball is snapped, that concerns us," he said.

Meanwhile, Chuck Noll was given a lifetime coaching contract by the Pittsburgh Steelers yesterday, but four assistant coaches were fired and defensive coordinator Tony Dungy resigned.

"Chuck Noll is our head coach and we have all the confidence in the world in him," said president Dan Rooney. "He is right for the Steelers and he is right for Pittsburgh."

Noll, who will remain head coach for at least one more season, said: "I've always felt that I'd be here ... I always thought security is doing the job."

Noll conceded he thought about quitting after the Steelers' 5-11 season this year, their worst finish since his first year as coach in 1969.

Noll will be working next season with a revamped staff after the firing of special teams coach Dennis Fitzgerald, linebacker coach Jed Hughes, guards and centers coach Hal Hunter and conditioning and training coach Walt Evans.

Resigned

Dungy, who Noll said was "not comfortable" with the coaching shakeup, resigned "to go to a new spot or have a new opportunity."

Dungy, 33, who is black, has been mentioned as a candidate to be the National Football League's first black head coach. He has confirmed recent talks with Broncos coach Dan Reeves about an assistant coaching job in Denver.

Noll, 183-132-1 as Steeler coach, is the fifth-winningest coach in NFL history and the winner of four Super Bowls in the 1970s.

Bengals and Bills coaches spar over rules

ORCHARD PARK, New York, Jan 4. (AP): The American Football Conference division championship game between Cincinnati and Buffalo isn't until Sunday, but the team's coaches have begun skirmishing over game rules.

Buffalo Bills coach Marv Levy said yesterday that Cincinnati Bengals coach Sam Wyche goes against the intent of National Football League rules by keeping extra players on the field until the last possible moment to ensure they have the right personnel in place for certain defenses.

"When you break the huddle — and I know he's not huddling so maybe it's hazy — they are not to come out with 12-13 players on the field," Levy said. "Only 11 people are supposed to come out of the huddle. When there's no huddle, you can leave those 12-13 on."

Clear

"I'm not accusing them of doing something unethical," he added. "I'd say the result of some of this is a bit contrary to what the rulemakers want which means there should be a clear definition of who is going to be on the field so that both teams can equally substitute according to the situation in the time frame that's allowed."

Both Wyche and quarterback Boomer Esiason denied the charge.

"When we go to the no-huddle, we've got 11 guys on the field and they are generally the 11 who were on the field the last time," Wyche said. "We'll substitute without going to the huddle, but we never leave 12 or 13 on the field at one time. One guy runs off and the other guy runs on."

Esiason said he couldn't believe Levy made the comment. "We always have 11 guys on the field because we're not allowed to have more than 11. We don't do anything against the rules."

Levy insisted, however, that the Bengals do shuffle extra players off the field at the last possible moment.

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Commenting recently on his bout with Honeyghan, Holtz said: "You hear people talking about an inferiority complex. Me, I didn't have a complex. I was inferior."

For Monday's game, Holtz didn't need a sharp tongue or the inspiration provided by George Gipp, a Notre Dame football star of bygone days who met a tragic end and

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wellington GP

WELLINGTON, Jan 4, (Reuter): Second seed Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$145,000 Wellington Grand Prix tennis tournament today with an easy 6-3 6-3 win over New Zealand's Brett Steven.

Diego Maradona

NAPLES, Italy, Jan 4, (Reuter): Napoli's Argentine captain Diego Maradona has been advised to rest for several days because of back pain, a club spokesman said.

Daniel Vidal

MONTEVIDEO, Jan 4, (Reuter): Uruguayan international winger Daniel Vidal has been transferred to Spanish Second Division soccer club Las Palmas for \$500,000, Penarol club sources said yesterday.

Distance runner

OSLO, Jan 4, (Reuter): Norwegian world class distance runner Ingrid Kristiansen said today she planned to break her own world records in both the marathon and the 10,000 metres this year.

Rugby player

LONDON, Jan 4, (Reuter): Dusty Hare, former England and British Lions full back, confirmed yesterday he intends to retire from first class rugby union at the end of the season.

Top player

NEW YORK, Jan 4, (Reuter): Pittsburgh Penguins centre Mario Lemieux, who scored at least one point in every one of his team's games in December, was named yesterday the National Hockey League (NHL) Player of the Month.

Pier dies

LONDON, Jan 4, (UPI): Wally St Pier, the man who "discovered" England's 1966 World Cup heroes Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst, has died. He was 82.

David Fairclough

TILBURG, Holland, Jan 4, (UPI): Briton David Fairclough will play on loan with Dutch Honor Division relegation candidate Willem II for the rest of the soccer season, a club official said yesterday.

Linford Christie

LONDON, Jan 4, (UPI): Linford Christie will compete for Britain in two international indoor meets and run in the National Indoor Track Championships, the Olympic 100 metres silver medallist said yesterday.

Italian soccer

ROME, Jan 4, (Reuter): Results of Italian Cup quarterfinal first leg matches today:

Napoli	3	Ascoli	0
Sampdoria	3	Florence	0
Verona	2	Parma	0
Atalanta	2	Lazio	0

Second legs will be played on Jan 25.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club game held on Monday:

1. Bianca Mozzali & Rita Canaccini	0
2. Nahil Akel & Lollo Muthwaite	0
3. Rabah Abbousi & Fatima Abdejelai	0

Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday morning:

1. Nahil Akel & Lollo Muthwaite	0
2. Jamila Akel & Lili Akel-Jundi	0
3. Bianca Mozzali & Rita Canaccini	0

Results of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

N/S	0
1. Chibbi & Boudhris	0
2. Mrs & Mr Fouad Farah	0
3. Dr Oskay & Shanti E/W	0
1. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza	0
2. Matrook & Samuel	0
3. Zuberi & Shah	0

I'm going to stop Tyson: Bruno

LONDON, Jan 4, (Reuter): Frank Bruno unleashed a defiant parting shot on the eve of his departure for the United States to challenge Mike Tyson for his world heavyweight crown, saying: "I'm going to stop him — that's my ambition."

The British boxer was speaking at a news conference today before leaving for New York, from where he will travel to a training camp in Phoenix, Arizona, to prepare for the

February 25 clash in Las Vegas. Bruno admitted that the pressure caused by the postponement on five occasions of the clash had got to him. "It has been hard," he said, "but life has to go on."

Bruno said he and Tyson had exchanged few words when they met in Los Angeles last month to finalise the contest but his respect for the champion was undiminished despite controversy surrounding Tyson's private life. He is involved in divorce

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proceedings.

"It's difficult to lose respect for him because he is young and he is going through many different things," said Bruno.

"I feel sorry for him in a funny sort of way but he would not feel sorry for me so why should I feel sorry for him?"

Bruno plans to stay in Phoenix until 15 days before the contest. Then he will move to a final training base at the Las Vegas Hilton, venue for the fight.

McAvennie hurt

LONDON, Jan 4, (Reuter): Scottish international striker Frank McAvennie will be out of action for a month after breaking his arm in Celtic's clash with Glasgow Rivals Rangers yesterday.

McAvennie defied doctors' orders and returned to the pitch after being injured in a first-half clash with Rangers' captain Terry Butcher but he was later substituted.

Rangers, currently top of the Scottish Premier Division, went on to crush Celtic 4-1.

Rain threatens Australia- West Indies match

MELBOURNE, Jan 4, (Reuter): Rain threatened to deny Australia the chance to show in the World Series Cup match here tomorrow that Monday's inept performance was, as their coach hoped, a "one-off" lapse.

On the other hand, the bad weather offered the host nation the prospect of finishing on level terms with the West Indies for the first time this season.

Under-strength

Two days ago in Perth, Australia lost by 38 runs to an under-strength Pakistan team who had been beaten in their first four matches in the triangular one-day tournament.

Coach Bobby Simpson said: "I was critical of the side in Perth because we departed from the style which enabled us to play one-day cricket really effectively."

"Hopefully this is a one-off thing which will become a fundamental worry only if it goes any further."

Middle-order batsman Mark Waugh is expected to come into the side in place of West Australian Graeme Wood and bat at

MOLBY PLAYS FIRST SENIOR GAME SINCE JAIL SENTENCE

Liverpool edge past tough Villa



Molby: praised by Dalglish

LONDON, Jan 4, (Agencies): Liverpool captain Ronnie Whelan scored his first goal in over a year to give the defending champions a 1-0 home victory over Aston Villa in the English soccer First Division yesterday.

Whelan scored in the 66th minute — a scrambled goal typical of an untidy match on an ice-cold windy night, a day after the rest of the First Division had been in action.

Ray Houghton crossed from the right, fellow Ireland international John Aldridge challenged Allan Evans in the Villa area and Whelan stooped to head the ball wide of diving goalkeeper Nigel Spink.

Liverpool, beaten 3-1 at Manchester United on Sunday, moved up to fourth in the table but still trail nine points behind leaders Arsenal, who have played one game fewer.

Couple

Arsenal have 40 points from 19 games and lead the League from Norwich (38 from 20), Millwall (33 from 19) and Liverpool (31 from 20).

Spink had survived a couple of first half blunders in the blustery conditions. He fumbled a Houghton corner under the cross-bar after 14 minutes but was saved by Stuart Gray, who hacked the ball clear off the line.

Three minutes later he should have cut out Houghton's cross-field pass but raced out of his area and missed the ball completely, only for Aldridge to score.

On Saturday, Coventry City, fifth in the top division of English

soccer, invades Gander Green Lane for a third-round match in the FA Cup against Sutton United, a member of the semi-pro GM Vauxhall Conference.

"Jan Molby did very well considering it was his first full senior game for something like 10 weeks. But everybody made a contribution and it was nice to see Ronnie Whelan get a goal," Dalglish said.

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"The feedback is that they have a fair number of quality players," said Barrie Williams, Sutton's manager, who has sent scouts to Coventry's last three games and warned not to expect a fairytale ending. "Individually our players would get far fewer marks than theirs. We just have

to hope that our sum of the whole is greater than the parts."

The matchup is the archtypical David vs Goliath battle that seems to come up each year at this time, as teams from the first and second divisions join the Cup tournament.

Liverpool has a game that, on paper at least, is almost as one-sided. The defending Division One champions and Cup runners-up last year face Carlisle United, near the bottom of Division Four. Other big-time tests for fourth-division clubs include Torquay against Sheffield Wednesday and first-place Crewe against Aston Villa.

Top matches between First Division teams have third-place Millwall hosting Luton, Manchester United home against Queens Park Rangers and West Ham hosting first-place Arsenal in a Sunday match set for national television.

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ger. Coventry is a legitimate contender for both the League and Cup titles, and won the Cup two years ago. Romantics it may be, however, Saturday's match it is being taken with a low-key approach by Sutton United itself.

"It's by far the biggest tie (match) I've been associated with," Williams said. "But I'll sleep well on Friday night, and so will the players. We have last year to thank for that."

From scouting reports and his own viewing of highlights of last Monday's Coventry victory, Williams knows the First Division club is tough.

Experience

"They are a team of considerable physical strength," he said. Sutton, on the other hand, has just one player with League experience, much-travelled striker Paul McKittrick.

Say this for Sutton — the players have been around. McKittrick plays each summer in Sweden. His up-front partner, Lenny Dennis, has World Cup qualifying experience for his native Jamaica, as well as 19 goals this season.

Still, that's a far cry from Coventry stars Speedie and Cyrille Regis, and Williams said he was taking a "pragmatic approach" to the game.

"I'm not taking the fairytale view," he said. "We cannot do anything about Coventry. What we can do is make sure that the things we do, we do well. My main concern is getting us prepared."

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Xiong struggles in Grand Prix opener



Sugianto: had an easy match

HONG KONG, Jan 4, (Reuter): Titleholder Xiong Guobiao of China made a stuttering start to his defence of the Grand Prix badminton crown with a patchy 18-13 18-15 15-10 win over Denmark's Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen in Group B.

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